Atna Drills 385 Feet Grading 0.053 oz/ton Gold at Reward Project

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GOLDEN, Colo., Nov. 15, 2011 /CNW/ -- Atna Resources Ltd. ('Atna' or the 'Company')

is pleased to report strong gold intercepts at its Reward Gold Mine, Nye County, Nevada. Atna completed the 2011 drill program of fifteen drill holes totaling 8,880 feet (2,700 m) in mid-October and has now received assay results on all drill holes in this campaign.

Highlights of the final drill results include:

- 385 feet grading 0.053 oz/ton gold, including 90 feet grading 0.130 oz/ton gold (117.3 m grading 1.80 g/t, including 27.4 m grading 4.46 g/t) in hole number RW11-032
- 150 feet grading 0.026 oz/ton gold including 55 feet grading 0.040 oz/ton gold (45.7 m grading 0.89 g/t, including 16.8 m grading 1.36 g/t) in hole number RW11-031
- 90 feet grading 0.034 oz/ton gold (27.4 m grading 1.17 g/t) in hole number RW11-030

'The 2011 drill program produced very encouraging results and should help to strengthen the economics of the project. Gold mineralization along the southeastern 1,000 feet (305 m) of the main deposit has been expanded to the east by up to 200 feet (60 m) and remains open to further extensions. This program clearly indicates the potential to expand and increase mine life at Reward,' said James Hesketh, President & CEO.

Detailed Drill Results

	From-feet (meters)	To-feet (meters)	* Length-feet (meters)	Ounces/ton Au (grams/tonne Au)
RW11-030 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90); hole expands resource to east				
	170	195	25	

0.012
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(51.8) (59.4) (7.6)
(0.43)
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400 490 90
0.034
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(121.9) (149.3) (27.4)
(1.17)
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525 550 25
0.014
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(160.0) (167.6) (7.6)
(0.49)
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RW11-031 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90); hole expands resource to east
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0 150 150
0.026
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(0.0) (45.7) (45.7)
(0.89)
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including 0 55 55
0.040
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(0.0) (16.8) (16.8)
(1.36)
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470 530 60
0.031
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(143.2) (161.5) (18.3)
(1.06)
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RW11-032 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90); hole increases confidence level of resource/reserve
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0 385 385
0.053
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(0.0) (117.3) (117.3)
(1.80)
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including 270 360 90
0.130
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(82.3) (109.7) (27.4)
(4.46)

RW11-033 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90) ; hole expands resource to east			
	300	335	35
	0.010		
	(91.4)	(102.1)	(10.7)
	(0.33)		
RW11-034 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90); hole expands resource to east			
	15	150	135
	0.028		
	(4.6)	(45.7)	(41.1)
	(0.98)		
including	25	55	30
	0.054		
	(7.6)	(16.8)	(9.1)
	(1.85)		
RW11-035 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90); hole defines limits of economic mineralization along northern edge			
	520	530	10
	0.022		
	(158.5)	(161.5)	(3.0)
	(0.74)		
RW11-036 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90); hole defines limits of economic mineralization along northern edge			
	460	470	10
	0.027		
	(140.2)	(143.2)	(3.0)
	(0.91)		
RW11-037 (Azimuth 220, Angle -75); hole increases confidence level of resource/reserve			
	65	200	135
	0.027		
	(19.8)	(61.0)	(41.1)
	(0.93)		
including	70	100	30
	0.055		

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	(21.3)	(30.5)	(9.1)	(1.89)
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	235	265	30	0.014
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	(71.6)	(80.8)	(9.1)	(0.47)
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* True thickness of intercepts are estimated to be between 80% and 90% of intercept lengths

Gold mineralization is hosted within gently dipping siltstone units of the Woods Canyon Formation and the Good Hope fault zone. The Good Hope fault zone is a high-angle normal fault and is considered to be the main hydrothermal feeder for gold mineralization at the project.

Analytical results contained within this press release were completed by standard fire assay methods with an atomic absorption or gravimetric finish by Inspectorate America Corporation, an independent, ISO certified, analytical laboratory located in Sparks, Nevada. Atna maintains a rigorous Quality Assurance - Quality Control (QA/QC) program utilizing both certified gold standards and blanks to augment Inspectorate's internal QA/QC program.

This press release was prepared under the supervision and review of William Stanley, V.P. Exploration of Atna, a Registered Member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, a Licensed Geologist and Qualified Person, as defined in NI 43-101, who has verified the authenticity and validity of the technical information contained within this news release.

For additional information on Atna Resources and the Reward Mine, please visit our website at www.atna.com.

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