

Timberline Resources Advances Metallurgical Testing at Lookout Mountain

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COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO--(Marketwired - Dec 18, 2013) - [Timberline Resources Corp.](#) (NYSE MKT:TLR)(TSX VENTURE:TBR) ("Timberline" or the "Company") announced today that additional metallurgical testing comprised of multiple column tests with various rock types and crush sizes has been initiated at its Lookout Mountain project in Nevada's prolific Battle Mountain-Eureka gold trend.

Prior metallurgical test results from mineralized material in the Lookout Mountain historical pit have indicated positive gold recovery characteristics for heap leach processing. Current metallurgical testing will use mineralized material composited from various rock types representative of the majority of the resource area. The heap leach test program will operate with six columns over the next three months utilizing material crushed to 3/8" and 3/4".

Timberline President and CEO Paul Dirksen commented, "We look forward to seeing the results from this current round of metallurgical testing at Lookout Mountain. Within the last few years, we have successfully expanded the resource, and we have continued technical and permitting activities in order to advance the Lookout Mountain project toward a production decision. This metallurgical testing is the next step in preparation for a preliminary economic assessment that is in process."

As partial consideration for current and past metallurgical services, the Company will, subject to exchange approval, issue to the metallurgical services vendor a total of 647,059 shares of the Company's common stock valued at US\$0.17 per share, which is the trailing 20-day Volume Weighted Average Price of the Company's common stock on the NYSE MKT market ending on the day prior to the date of the agreement with the vendor.

About Timberline Resources

[Timberline Resources Corp.](#) is exploring and developing advanced-stage gold properties in the western United States. Timberline holds a 50-percent carried interest ownership stake in the Butte Highlands Joint Venture in Montana. Timberline's exploration is primarily focused on the major gold districts of Nevada, where it is advancing its flagship Lookout Mountain Project toward a production decision while exploring a pipeline of quality earlier-stage projects at its South Eureka Property and elsewhere. Timberline management has a proven track record of discovering economic mineral deposits that are developed into profitable mines.

Timberline is listed on the NYSE MKT where it trades under the symbol "TLR" and on the TSX Venture Exchange where it trades under the symbol "TBR".

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