VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jul 28, 2015) - Northern Empire Resources Corp. (TSX VENTURE:NM) ("Northern Empire"), along with Sonoro Metals Corp. ("Sonoro"), today announced an extension of the first phase ("Phase 1") exploration program on the Hilltop Gold Project ("Hilltop") located 70 km southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska, USA.

The extension to the Phase 1 exploration program is budgeted at CDN$100,000 and will commence within the next 2 weeks. The scope of work is designed to expand upon the recently completed CDN$250,000 Phase 1 program (See June 17, 2015 news release). Results of Phase 1 will be released upon receipt and full review.

About the Hilltop Gold Project

Northern Empire holds a 100% interest in the block of claims forming the Hilltop Gold Project located within the broader Richardson Gold District (excluding placer gold). Hilltop is an exploration stage gold project located 70 kilometers southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska and 70 kilometers northwest of Delta Junction in east-central interior Alaska. Hilltop is located approximately 75 km from Sumitomo's Pogo mine (4.973 million ounces at 12.5 g/t gold; www.sumitomocorp.co.jp/files/topics/25649_ext_31_en_0.pdf) and 135 south of Kinross's Fort Knox mine (3.8 million ounces at 0.45 g/t Au; www.kinross.com/operations/operation-fort-knox-alaska-usa.aspx).

The 31,720 acre (12,836 hectare) Hilltop property is bordered on the south by the all-weather and paved Richardson Highway. In addition, the property is proximal to both a high power electrical transmission line and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Access into the interior of the property from the Richardson Highway is via a new system of logging roads and trails which makes most points within the Hilltop project area accessible for exploration activities.

William J. (Bill) Cronk, P.Geo., is Northern Empire's Qualified Person who reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this news release.

About Northern Empire

Northern Empire is a newly formed company which will follow the "Project Generator" business model to take advantage of the depressed market conditions in the resource sector to acquire low acquisition and low holding cost properties with significant exploration potential.

A Project Generator identifies, acquires, and performs early stage exploration on compelling exploration targets before finding project partners to bear the financial risk associated with advanced exploration.

Northern Empire's experienced board and management team feels that executing the Project Generator business model is the most practical way to provide investors the potential excitement and value creation of mineral discoveries, without the financial risks and equity dilution of standard exploration programs.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF Northern Empire Resources Corp.

Jim Paterson, Director, President and CEO

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