

Discovers Extensive Mineralized Masses of Quartz Porphyry

VIRGINIA CITY, NV--(Marketwired - October 05, 2015) - [Comstock Mining Inc.](#) (the "Company") (NYSE MKT: LODE) today announced significant drill intercepts, both in terms of grades and thickness, resulting from the recent completion of a near-surface drill program at the Company's Dayton Resource Area, its second largest gold and silver resource area. The near-surface program consisted of 408 holes totaling 30,818 feet of drilling (see Figure 1) that was completed in late September of 2015. The Company used an extremely efficient percussion drill rig, with total program costs of about \$200,000, or about \$6.50 per foot.

The Company also completed underground mapping and sampling from a number of historic mine tunnels. This work, together with the drilling, resulted in several important discoveries, including defining multiple, previously undefined mineralized zones and additional dike-like masses of quartz porphyry, similar to Lucerne.

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Corrado De Gasperis, President & CEO, commented, "With all the excitement around drilling the quartz porphyry mass at the Lucerne portal, I was pleasantly surprised at the magnitude of these same quartz porphyry-type discoveries in Dayton. These new discoveries have accelerated our preparation for developing these remarkable gold and silver resources into a second mine."

The main objective of the program was to pinpoint the major surface structures (faults) and then explore these structures for mineralization. This then enabled efficient infill drilling that further refined and resolved areas of structural complexity in the geologic models. The program was successful in both defining and expanding the near-surface mineralization. The Company will update its geologic model based on the results of this drilling program and increase the gold and silver resource estimate. The Company is now finalizing a comprehensive drill program designed to deliver a mine plan, economic reserves and mine life.

The most significant intercepts in terms of grade versus drilled length (grade X thickness) are summarized in Table 1.

TABLE 1 -- Drill holes with significant grade multiplied by intercept length (thickness).

Hole ID	Interval	Depth	Intercept	Length	Au grade (opt.)	Ag grade (opt.)
DA-119	0-60'	60 feet	0.077	0.685		
DA-127	0-36'	36 feet	0.083	1.751		
DA-193	30-82'	52 feet	0.066	0.408		
DA-199	0-54'	54 feet	0.054	0.845		
DA-200	0-82'	82 feet	0.071	0.937		
DA-208	0-50'	50 feet	0.077	0.795		
DA-214	20-82'	62 feet	0.048	0.663		
DA-228	0-80'	80 feet	0.049	0.256		
DA-232	0-82'	82 feet	0.037	0.203		
DA-266	0-82'	82 feet	0.039	0.295		
DA-279	0-50'	50 feet	0.065	0.261		
DA-289	0-82'	82 feet	0.043	0.296		
DA-292	0-82'	82 feet	0.04	0.271		
DA-316	0-70'	70 feet	0.07	0.281		
DA-322	0-82'	82 feet	0.054	0.564		
DA-333	50-82'	32 feet	0.119	0.554		
DA-344	0-70'	70 feet	0.049	0.462		
DA-360	0-50'	50 feet	0.058	0.099		
DA-367	70-82'	12 feet	0.266	0.437		
DA-395	40-82'	42 feet	0.089	0.902		
DA-403	0-82'	82 feet	0.038	0.626		
DA-404	0-82'	82 feet	0.038	0.67		
DA-406	0-82'	82 feet	0.044	0.323		

Of the 408 holes drilled, 245 contained intercepts of 10 feet or more in length with gold grades exceeding or equal to 0.015 ounces per ton (opt.), and with an overall weighted average grade of 0.035 opt Au and 0.323 opt Ag. Out of those same 245 holes, a total of 32 contained intercepts of 10 feet or more in length with an average Au grade exceeding or equal to 0.100 opt Au., and with an overall average weighted grade of 0.148 opt Au and 0.694 opt Ag (Table 2).

TABLE 2 -- Drill hole intercepts of 10 feet or greater in length with gold (Au) grades equal to or exceeding 0.100 opt.

Hole ID	Interval	Depth Intercept	Length	Au grade (opt.)	Ag grade (opt.)
DA-037	20-30'	10 feet		0.183	0.533
DA-099	60-70'	10 feet		0.129	0.566
DA-100	60-70'	10 feet		0.237	0.79
DA-117	20-30'	10 feet		0.1	0.557
DA-119	10-30'	20 feet		0.139	0.626
DA-127	10-20'	10 feet		0.112	1.898
DA-188	70-82'	12 feet		0.128	0.186
DA-193	60-70'	10 feet		0.164	0.7
DA-197	10-20'	10 feet		0.18	1.09
DA-199	40-54'	14 feet		0.113	1.063
DA-200	70-82'	12 feet		0.252	1.266
DA-208	0-10'	10 feet		0.143	0.899
DA-209	30-36'	6 feet		0.114	1.55
DA-212	10-20'	10 feet		0.167	0.279
DA-215	0-10'	10 feet		0.105	0.909
DA-228	50-60'	10 feet		0.219	0.485
DA-237	10-20'	10 feet		0.131	1.44
DA-260	30-35'	5 feet		0.256	1.274
DA-273	50-60'	10 feet		0.161	0.071
DA-279	0-10'	10 feet		0.143	0.538
DA-289	10-20'	10 feet		0.142	0.148
DA-290	20-30'	10 feet		0.1	0.246
DA-294	50-60'	10 feet		0.122	0.397
DA-295	10-20'	10 feet		0.107	0.603
DA-316	30-40'	10 feet		0.184	0.238
DA-318	0-10'	10 feet		0.123	0.232
DA-333	50-60'	10 feet		0.292	0.731
DA-344	0-10'	10 feet		0.161	2.155
DA-367	70-82'	12 feet		0.266	0.437
DA-369	10-20'	10 feet		0.115	0.116
DA-395	40-60'	20 feet		0.16	0.678
DA-397	40-50'	10 feet		0.108	1.158
DA-403	20-30'	10 feet		0.1	1.05
DA-404	60-70'	10 feet		0.108	1.103

Defines Near-Surface Mineralization and Extensive Dike-like Masses of Quartz Porphyry

The underground mapping and sampling effort, together with the drilling, resulted in several important discoveries. The most significant was defining mineralization along a previously undrilled, 600-foot segment of the Grizzly Hill Fault and additional mineralization at an intersection of the Grizzly Hill and Alhambra Faults with the Silver City fault. The Company also discovered additional dike-like masses of quartz porphyry, similar to Lucerne, that generally host significant mineralization. Finally, the drilling also helped to define extended mineralization along a 550-foot segment of the Mill Fault.

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The Company also commenced metallurgical test-work on representative samples of mineralized rock types. Standard column tests are currently underway on five surface-generated samples and one underground sample and is ongoing. All samples, both from drilling and underground, were analyzed for gold and silver at the Company's existing, on-site, industry standard, production assay lab.

Corrado De Gasperis, President & CEO, concluded, "These extended, thicker, higher-grade mineralized discoveries and the additional quartz porphyry discovery will expand our resource estimate, streamline our final drilling needs and progress us faster toward the commercialization of our second mine. We are thrilled with the new discoveries and I could not be prouder of our entire team's effort, especially the leadership of our geological team members."

The Dayton property includes the Dayton (Marble), Alhambra, Kossuth, Metropolitan and Genessee patents representing a structurally controlled mineralized system hosted in tertiary volcanic rocks, that, in terms of the overall geologic setting, is similar to the Company's Lucerne property. The properties are separated by approximately one mile along the Silver City branch of the Comstock Lode.

About Comstock Mining Inc.

[Comstock Mining Inc.](#) is a producing, Nevada-based, gold and silver mining company with extensive, contiguous property in the

Comstock District and is an emerging leader in sustainable, responsible mining, including concurrent and accelerated reclamations, soil sampling, voluntary air monitoring, cultural asset protection and historical restorations. The Company began acquiring properties in the Comstock District in 2003. Since then, the Company has consolidated a significant portion of the Comstock District, amassed the single largest known repository of historical and current geological data on the Comstock region, secured permits, built an infrastructure and commenced production in 2012. The Company continues acquiring additional properties in the district, expanding its footprint and creating opportunities for further exploration, development and mining. The near-term goal of our business plan is to maximize intrinsic stockholder value realized, per share, by validating qualified resources and reserves (proven and probable) from our first two resource areas, Lucerne and Dayton, and significantly grow the commercial development of our operations through extended, long-lived mine plans that are economically feasible and socially responsible.

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