VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - May 2, 2017) - Northern Empire Resources Corp. (TSX VENTURE:NM) (the "Company" or "Northern Empire") is pleased to announce filing of the NI 43-101 resource estimate report on the Sterling Property, located in Nye County, Nevada (the "Sterling Property") owned by Sterling Gold Mining Corporation ("SGMC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Imperial Metals Corp. ("Imperial Metals"). The Company has previously announced entering into a letter of intent with SGMC to acquire the Sterling Project (for further details please refer to the Company's news releases dated February 15, 2017 and April 3, 2017).

The Sterling Property hosts four different gold deposits, three of which are Carlin-type deposits (Sterling, Daisy, SNA) while the fourth is defined as an epithermal gold deposit (Secret Pass).

Table 1 through Table 4 outline the in-place gold resource estimates for the Sterling Property. All resource estimates are derived from a 3D block model using ordinary kriging methods. For the Sterling Deposit, the resource estimate was separated into two categories, namely surface (pit constrained) resources and remaining non-pit constrained resources. All resources have an effective date of March 29, 2017, and all the resources are considered Inferred. The report was completed by Norwest Corporation.

Bolded text indicates the base case estimate.

1. Sterling Deposit Inferred Gold Resource Estimate (Effective March 29, 2017)

Resource Type	Cutoff Grade (Au g/t)	Tonnes ('000)	Average Grade (Au g/t)	In Place Au (oz '000)
Surface	0.3	3,081	2.57	254
Surface	0.7	2,399	3.15	243
Surface	1.0	1,958	3.67	231
Non-Pit Constrained	1.0	614	2.50	49
Non-Pit Constrained	1.4	454	2.98	43
Non-Pit Constrained	1.7	350	3.38	38

1. Results based on cyanide soluble assay testing.

2. Surface definition: Theoretical surface pit constrained resource.

3. Non-pit constrained definition: Resource remaining below theoretical surface pit.

4. CIM definitions are followed for classification of Mineral Resource.

5. Mineral Resource has been estimated using a gold price of US$1,200 per ounce and a US$2.31 per tonne mining cost.

6. Totals may not represent the sum of the parts due to rounding.

7. The Mineral Resource estimate has been prepared by Derek Loveday, P. Geo. of Norwest Corporation in conformity with CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and are reported in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators NI43-101. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

8. This Inferred Resource estimate is "In Place" and does not include gold recovery from a downstream processing operation.

1. Daisy Deposit Inferred Gold Resource Estimate (Effective March 29, 2017)

Resource Type	Cutoff Grade (Au g/t)	Tonnes ('000)	Average Grade (Au g/t)	In Place Au (oz '000)
Surface	0.3	5,362	1.34	232
Surface	0.7	3,766	1.71	207
Surface	1.0	2,556	2.12	174

1. Results based on fire assay testing.

2. Surface definition: Theoretical surface pit constrained resource.

3. CIM definitions are followed for classification of Mineral Resource.

4. Mineral Resource has been estimated using a gold price of US$1,200 per ounce and mining cost of US$2.10 per ton (US$2.31 per tonne).

5. Totals may not represent the sum of the parts due to rounding.

6. The Mineral Resource estimate has been prepared by Derek Loveday, P. Geo. of Norwest Corporation in conformity with CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and are reported in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators NI 43-101. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that any mineral resource will be converted into mineral reserve.

7. This Inferred Resource estimate is "In Place" and does not include gold recovery from a downstream processing operation.

1. SNA Deposit Inferred Gold Resource Estimate (Effective March 29, 2017)

Resource Type	Cutoff Grade (Au g/t)	Tonnes ('000)	Average Grade (Au g/t)	In Place Au (oz '000)
Surface	0.3	3,875	1.03	126
Surface	0.7	2,543	1.30	105
Surface	1.0	1,510	1.61	78

1. Results based on fire assay testing.

2. Surface definition: Theoretical surface pit constrained resource.

3. CIM definitions are followed for classification of Mineral Resource.

4. Mineral Resource has been estimated using a gold price of US$1,200 per ounce and mining cost of US$2.10 per ton (US$2.31 per tonne).

5. Totals may not represent the sum of the parts due to rounding.

6. The Mineral Resource estimate has been prepared by Derek Loveday, P. Geo. of Norwest Corporation in conformity with CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and are reported in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators NI 43-101. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that any mineral resource will be converted into mineral reserve.

7. This Inferred Resource estimate is "In Place" and does not include gold recovery from a downstream processing operation.

1. Secret Pass Deposit Inferred Gold Resource Estimate (Effective March 29, 2017)

Resource Type	Cutoff Grade (Au g/t)	Tonnes ('000)	Average Grade (Au g/t)	In Place Au (oz '000)
Surface	0.3	11,143	0.93	335
Surface	0.7	6,096	1.30	256
Surface	1.0	3,534	1.65	188

1. Results based on fire assay testing.

2. Surface definition: Theoretical surface pit constrained resource.

3. CIM definitions are followed for classification of Mineral Resource.

4. Mineral Resource has been estimated using a gold price of US$1,200 per ounce and mining cost of US$2.10 per ton (US$2.31 per tonne).

5. Totals may not represent the sum of the parts due to rounding.

6. The Mineral Resource estimate has been prepared by Derek Loveday, P. Geo. of Norwest Corporation in conformity with CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and are reported in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators NI 43-101. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that any mineral resource will be converted into mineral reserve.

7. This Inferred Resource estimate is "In Place" and does not include gold recovery from a downstream processing operation.

1. Sterling Property Inferred Gold Resource Summary Table - Base Case Estimates (Effective March 29, 2017)

Resource	Cutoff Grade (g/t Au)	Tonnes (000)	Average Grade (g/t Au)	In Place Au (oz '000)
Sterling Surface*	1.0	1,958	3.67	231

Sterling Non-Pit Constrained*	1.7	350	3.38	38
Daisy	1.0	2,556	2.12	174
Secret Pass	1.0	3,534	1.65	188
SNA	1.0	1,510	1.61	78
Total		9,908	2.23	709

1. *Denotes resources that are calculated based on CN soluble assays.

2. Sterling Surface definition: Theoretical surface pit constrained resource.

3. Sterling Non-Pit Constrained definition: Resource remaining below theoretical surface pit.

4. CIM definitions are followed for classification of Mineral Resource.

5. Mineral Resource has been estimated using a gold price of US$1,200 per ounce and a US$2.31 per tonne mining cost.

6. Totals may not represent the sum of the parts due to rounding.

7. The Mineral Resource estimate has been prepared by Derek Loveday, P. Geo. of Norwest Corporation in conformity with CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and are reported in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators NI43-101. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

8. This Inferred Resource estimate is "In Place" and does not include gold recovery from a downstream processing operation.

These resources are based on drilling and assaying completed by Imperial Metals and other previous operators on the Property. Five separate open pits and two underground mines were operated on the Property, as recently as 2015.

Data used to calculate the resources was collected by the current owner and previous operators of the property. Assaying was done by both internal and external labs. Norwest has reviewed the data and found it to be of sufficient quality to apply an Inferred Resource classification.

About the Sterling Project

The Sterling Property is located approximately 100 miles NW of Las Vegas on the eastern flank of the Bare Mountains within the Walker Lane Trend. The Sterling Mine is accessed via highway I-95 and gravel roads.

The Sterling Mine has previously operated as both an open pit and underground operation. Production records show that from 1980 to 2000 mining on the Sterling orebodies produced 194,996 oz gold ("Au") at an average grade of 7.44 g/t Au. Recoveries have averaged 88% without milling.

The Bureau of Land Management has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact ("FONSI") and approved the next phase of mining at Sterling. This permit was issued on May 12, 2016 and has an indefinite term.

To achieve the FONSI, Imperial Metals created designs for the new pits and heap leach facilities that Northern Empire will be able to use going forward.

Imperial Metals ceased underground mining of a separate orebody in 2015. Processing facilities, mine offices and staff are on site and are currently being used to rinse heaps from prior operations.

About Northern Empire

On February 15, 2017, Northern Empire announced that it entered into a letter of intent with Sterling Gold Mining Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Imperial Metals Corp. to acquire a 100% interest in the Sterling Property, located in Nye County, Nevada, and certain royalty rights for claims located in Nevada and California. The Sterling Project is a fully permitted gold project with exceptional exploration potential and represents a unique opportunity for Northern Empire to rapidly transition from a grass roots explorer to developer.

Authors and Qualified Persons Statement

The 2017 resource estimate was prepared by Norwest Corporation in accordance with requirements of National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (NI 43-101). Technical work, analysis and findings were completed by Derek Loveday, P.Geo., Allan Turner, P.Geol., and Sean Ennis, P.Eng. Each person is an independent "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the information in this news release.

Norwest has reviewed and verified the data disclosed in this news release to conform to CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and to NI 43-101. Data used to calculate the resources was collected by the current owner and previous operators of the property. Assaying was done by both internal and external labs. Data verification by Norwest included review and spot checks of laboratory certificates completed by independent laboratories; and site inspection and verification of exploration drill hole locations, as well as onsite sample storage, preparation and laboratory facilities.

Norwest has reviewed and verified the surface and non-pit constrained Inferred Mineral Resource estimates in this news release to conform to the CIM definition of Inferred Mineral Resources.

The CIM definition of an Inferred Mineral Resource is as follows:

"An Inferred Mineral Resource is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity and grade or quality are estimated on the basis of limited geological evidence and sampling. Geological evidence is sufficient to imply but not verify geological and grade or quality continuity."

Michael G. Allen, P.Geo, President and CEO of Northern Empire, and a non-independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has also reviewed the information contained in this news release and has verified the data.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF Northern Empire Resources Corp.

Michael G. Allen, President, CEO and Director

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