

TORONTO, Aug. 8, 2017 /CNW/ - [Kerr Mines Inc.](#) ("Kerr" or the "Company") (TSX: KER, OTC: KERMF, FRA: 7AZ1) is pleased to announce that it has completed the tender process and has awarded the three key contracts to support the execution of the 2017 Copperstone Mine exploration program and pre-feasibility study.

Hard Rock Consulting ("HRC") of Colorado, has been appointed to conduct the Copperstone Mine pre-feasibility study, which is estimated to be completed by Q1 2018. The pre-feasibility study will be the basis for the decision to proceed towards production of the Copperstone Mine.

In addition, Godbe Drilling LLC ("Godbe") of Arizona, has been awarded the drilling contract, which includes both the surface and underground drilling programs.

DMC Mining Services Corporation ("DMC") of Utah, has been awarded the contract for underground development. The inclusion of the underground development allows the 2017 Copperstone Mine exploration program to access high-priority targets previously unavailable.

HRC is recognized for delivering expertise and providing value added service directly from the highly experienced principals to a variety of mining clients ranging from due diligence to full feasibility studies. This allows HRC to take a hands-on role in providing a cost-effective and prudent move forward strategy. Both Godbe and DMC have extensive experience in their core businesses and share a proven ability to achieve safe performance and deliver excellent results under a variety of conditions. These appointments establish a key milestone in the Company's development strategy by employing strong expertise in engineering, drilling and mine development, in order to advance the Copperstone Mine project towards a production decision.

A competitive bidding, evaluation and selection process was carried out by senior management, which led to these awards. "We are very pleased to have completed the process of selection of the engineering, drilling and mine development contractors, enabling Kerr to execute the 2017 Copperstone exploration program and pre-feasibility study. Detailed planning of the program is well underway and contractors are preparing to mobilize," said Martin Kostuik, President, Kerr Mines.

#### About Kerr Mines Inc.

Kerr Mines is a North American gold development and exploration company currently advancing the fully permitted past-producing Copperstone Mine project. Copperstone is a high-grade gold project located along the Walker Lane mineral belt in mining-friendly Arizona. The project demonstrates significant upside exploration potential within 12,000 acre a land package which includes a production history of over 500,000 ounces of gold. The Company's current focus is on maximizing Copperstone's potential by defining and expanding current resources and strengthening the mine's economics leading to a production decision.

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