

TORONTO, Aug. 21, 2017 /CNW/ - [Kerr Mines Inc.](#) ("Kerr" or the "Company") (TSX: KER, OTC: KERMF, FRA: 7AZ1) is pleased to announce that it has initiated the first phase of the underground drill access mine development for the 2017 Copperstone Mine exploration/development program and pre-feasibility study. Approximately 1,200 feet of new exploration drift is planned to be completed in the first phase. This drift will provide first-time underground drill access to facilitate further definition of the parallel Footwall Zone and to enhance the existing resource in the Copperstone Zone.

The new underground drift will be accessed from existing workings and will extend mine access drifting by approximately 1,200 feet to the Southeast, along the strike of the Copperstone Zone. This access is placed between the Copperstone Zone and the parallel Footwall Zone, giving exploration and development drilling access to both zones. The drift is strategically placed in the footwall of the Copperstone Zone, to provide access for potential future mining.

The objective of the exploration drilling is to continue to build from prior successful drilling results in the Footwall Zone which has indicated similar attitude, rock type, alteration, width and grade as is seen the Copperstone Zone. It is also designed to increase the resource confidence level of the Copperstone Zone along strike and increase its down dip extension.

"DMC Mining Services, our mine development contractor, has done an excellent job of preparing for this work. All of their equipment has arrived at the Copperstone Mine site and they will be commencing mining by the end of the week. The access to drilling that the drift will provide is an investment in the current 2017 Copperstone exploration and resource enhancement program, and is an investment in the future development of this former producing mine. The 2017 Copperstone exploration and development program is the cornerstone of the forthcoming pre-feasibility study and is a key component to the strategy of advancing the Copperstone Mine project towards a production decision," said Martin Kostuik, President Kerr Mines.

The technical information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with the Canadian regulatory requirements set out in NI 43-101 and reviewed and approved by Michael R. Smith, Registered Geologist, a "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101 for this project.

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.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements

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