

Centenera Receives Positive Drill Results from Advanced Esperanza Copper-Gold Porphyry Project, San Juan Province, Argentina

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From surface; 0m to 166m grading 1.14% copper equivalent^{1,2}
(0.84% copper, 0.36g/t gold)

Map showing location of existing 2007 drill holes at Esperanza (blue), the 2018 drill holes (red), both completed and planned.

Results pending from 166m to 387m

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 20, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Centenera Mining Corp.](#) ("Centenera" or the "Company") (TSXV:CT) (OTCQB:CTMIF) receives drill results from the first 166m of drill hole 18-ESP-025 at the advanced Esperanza Copper-Gold Porphyry project. Drill hole 18-ESP-025 collared in mineralization and continued to drill mineralized rock to a total depth of 387m, at which depth the hole was abandoned due to drilling difficulties. Laboratory results have been returned (Table 1) for the upper 166m grading 0.84% copper and 0.36g/t gold; 1.14% copper equivalent^{1,2}. Results for the lower portion of the drill hole (from 166m to 387m) are pending and expected in early May.

"Partial results for our first drill hole at Esperanza are excellent. Mineralization at the base of this sample batch remains strong, with 1.32% copper equivalent from 142m to 166m. We look forward to receiving results for the remainder of the drill hole in early May," stated Keith Henderson, Centenera's President & CEO. "We acquired the Esperanza project in 2017 because drilling results in 2006 had provided such a solid foundation for further exploration. These first results from our drill program demonstrate very clearly that the potential to expand mineralization is real."

Table 1: Partial results for drill hole 18-ESP-025 from surface to 166m depth

Drillhole	Azimuth	Dip	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	¹ Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Copper Equivalent (%) ²
	280	-67	0	166	166	0.84	0.368	1.14
18-ESP-025 including			0	22	22	1.17	0.556	1.62
and			142	166	24	1.02	0.367	1.32

Notes ¹ True width is not known. ² Copper equivalent = Copper grade % + (0.795 x gold grade g/t), assuming a copper price of \$2.20/lb (\$4850/t) and a gold price of \$1200/oz (\$38.58/g) and assuming 100% recovery.

Figure 1: Map showing location of existing 2007 drill holes at Esperanza (blue), the 2018 drill holes (red), both completed and planned, is available at

<http://resource.globenewswire.com/Resource/Download/de2609a2-67d7-47cc-9087-c98942698c6a>

Drilling Update

Drilling at the Esperanza Copper Gold Porphyry project is ongoing. The first drill hole, 18-ESP-025 (Figure 1), collared 120m northwest of previous drill hole 06-HU-02. Drill hole 18-ESP-025 collared close to the western extent of the Canyon Stock as defined by outcropping alteration and mineralization and drilled on an

azimuth of 280°. The purpose of the drill hole is to test the extent of mineralization to the west and at depth. Drill hole 18-ESP-025 collared in potassic altered (biotite, K-feldspar, biotite) and mineralized porphyry intrusive and remained within this proximal alteration zone throughout the entire length of the hole before being terminated due to technical difficulties at 387m. The planned depth for was 500m.

Drill hole 18-ESP-026 collared approximately 30m south of 18-ESP-025 and was drilling on an azimuth of 080°. The drill hole did not test target and was abandoned at 127m.

Drill hole 18-ESP-027 collared 100m south of previous drill hole 06-HU-02 and is drilling on an azimuth of 285. The purpose of the drill hole is to test the extent of mineralization to the west and at depth. The drill hole collared in mineralized rock and is ongoing at approximately 250m. Target depth is approximately 500m.

About Esperanza Copper-Gold Porphyry

The outcropping copper-gold porphyry mineralization at Esperanza was first drill-tested in 2006-2007 by 7 drill holes totalling 2,011 metres. All drill holes intersected significant copper-gold mineralization (Figure 1). Drilling highlights include:

- Mineralization is outcropping at surface with a pyrite halo extending over a 1,400m x 850m area
- Drill holes generally intersected mineralization at surface
- Mineralization is open all directions
- Majority of drill holes terminated in mineralization (due to the depth limitations of the rig) and are open at depth
- Several drill holes demonstrate increasing grade with depth

Quality Assurance / Quality Control

The Esperanza copper-gold porphyry drill testing was historically undertaken by [Cardero Resource Corp.](#) from 2006 to 2007. On site personnel at the project rigorously collected and tracked samples, which were then sealed and shipped to ALS Chemex for analysis. ALS Chemex's quality system complies with the requirements for the International Standards ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 17025: 1999. Analytical accuracy and precision are monitored by the analysis of reagent blanks, reference material and replicate samples. Quality control was further assured by the use of international and in-house standards. Blind certified reference material was inserted at regular intervals into the sample sequence by Cardero personnel in order to independently assess analytical accuracy. Finally, representative blind duplicate samples were forwarded to ALS Chemex and an ISO compliant third-party laboratory for additional quality control.

Drilling undertaken by Centenera in 2018 has been supervised by on site personnel at the project who rigorously collect and track samples, which are then sealed and shipped to SGS Minerals (“SGS”) for analysis. SGS's quality system complies with the requirements for the International Standards ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 17025: 1999. Analytical accuracy and precision are monitored by the analysis of reagent blanks, reference material and replicate samples. Quality control is further assured by the use of international and in-house standards. Blind certified reference material was inserted at regular intervals into the sample sequence by Centenera personnel in order to independently assess analytical accuracy.

Qualified Person

Keith J. Henderson, P.Geo., is the Company's qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, and has reviewed the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for portions of this news release, and has approved the disclosure herein. Mr.Henderson is not independent of the Company, as he is an employee, a shareholder and holds incentive stock options.

About Centenera Mining Corporation

Centenera is a mineral resource company trading on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol CT and on the OTCQB exchange under the symbol CTMIF. The Company is focused 100% on mineral resource

assets in Argentina. The Company intends to focus its 2017 exploration activities on drill-testing its flagship Esperanza copper-gold project. Other assets, including the El Quemado lithium pegmatite project in Salta Province and the Organullo gold project, are intended to be explored by the Company with the aim of proving project potential and attracting a joint venture partner or a project sale. The Organullo project has approximately 8,000 metres of historical drilling and assay results. Organullo has a geological target range from 19.8 million tonnes grading at 0.94 g/t gold (600,000 ounces) to 31.6 million tonnes grading 0.92 g/t gold (940,000 ounces) using a 0.5 g/t gold cut-off-grade. It should be noted that these potential exploration target quantities and grades are conceptual in nature, that insufficient exploration and geological modelling has been done to define a mineral resource, and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the delineation of a mineral resource.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
CENTENERA MINING CORPORATION

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For further details on the Company readers are referred to the Company's web site (www.centeneramining.com) and its Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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