

Benchmark Ramps Up Lawyers Project in BC's Golden Triangle

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EDMONTON, Aug. 29, 2018 - [Benchmark Metals Inc.](#) (the "Company" or "Benchmark") (BNCH: TSX-V) (CYRTD: OTCQB) (A2JM2X: GER) is pleased to announce that geological crews are executing a comprehensive exploration program designed to rapidly assess the potential to expand the mineral resource for the Lawyers Gold & Silver Project, located in the Golden Triangle region of British Columbia, Canada. The program will utilize modern techniques and professional expertise to target existing and new zones within the 99 km² land package where more than 80% of the area remains unexplored but holds high-grade gold and silver results from past campaigns.

Anomalous Gold & Silver over Geophysics

CEO John Williamson commented, "Based on our extensive compilation and interpretive work to date that shows existing zones are open at depth and strike, Benchmark has undertaken the first comprehensive and systematic exploration to be performed in 25 years. The Project brings together the past-producing Lawyers gold-silver mine and the extensive Silver Pond trend of precious metals occurrences. This large prospective land holding presents a unique opportunity for further exploration on a 'camp' scale. There remains excellent potential for the discovery of additional low and high-sulphidation epithermal deposits like those that have been discovered and explored to date. In addition, there exists the possibility for the discovery of a near-surface or buried 'bulk tonnage' deposit which may offer the advantage of economies of scale should future mine development occur."

Lawyers Gold & Silver Exploration Program

The field program was mobilized in July 2018 and will operate through to October 2018. An outline of the work to be performed includes:

- 4,000m expansion and new target drilling program – diamond core and reverse circulation;
- Airborne VTEM geophysics to identify new zones and trends;
- Drone flying and interpretation;
- Ground IP geophysics for deep penetrating 3D analysis;
- Soil and rock sampling; and
- Results for analysis to develop a 2019 large scale resource expansion drill program.

Lawyers Historical Results

The Lawyers Property is situated 45 km northwest of the Kemess Gold and Copper underground mine currently in construction. Five underground developments remain in-place, in addition to historical resources and new targets. Selected high-grade historical results from the 1980s includes:

- 2.0m at 1.20 oz/t gold (41.14 g/t) and 1.09 oz/t silver (37.37 g/t) (DDH 87CC76, Cliff Creek Central Zone);
- 1.0m at 1.17 oz/t gold (40.11 g/t) and 16.33 oz/t silver (559.89 g/t) (DDH 87CC42, Cliff Creek South Zone); and
- 11.0m at 0.204 oz/t gold (6.99 g/t) and 15.22 oz/t silver (521.83 g/t) (DDH 87CC71, Cliff Creek South Zone).

Shallow drilling on the Cliff Creek North Zone (above the 1700m level) in 1990 also produced encouraging intersections, including:

- 6.4m at 0.245 oz/t gold (8.40 g/t) and 7.13 oz/t silver (244.46 g/t) (DDH 90CC110); and

- Based upon historic drilling, an inferred mineral resource of 550,000 tonnes grading 4.51 g/t Au and 209.15 g/t Ag at a 4.0 g/t gold equivalent ("AuEq") lower cut-off was independently estimated for the Cliff Creek North zone, which equates to a contained metal resource of 80,000 troy oz. Au and 3,700,000 oz. of Ag (see Company News Release of June 14, 2018).

The diagram in Figure 1 below illustrates compilation work dating back to the 1980's across 17 occurrences and 3 formerly producing zones. The occurrences and sample results overlay anomalous radiometric-highs.

Figure 1 – Anomalous Gold & Silver over Geophysics is available at
<http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/1cb01b53-1900-4e1d-a77b-8a40a7bd8840>

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