

Benchmark Reports 86 g/t Gold and 584 g/t Silver over 7 Metres from Historical Drilling in New Exploration Target Area

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Edmonton, May 31, 2019 - [Benchmark Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: BNCH) (OTCQB: CYRTF) (WKN: A2JM2X) (the "Company" or "Benchmark") - is pleased to report new data from previously unpublished, historical drill results that were recently acquired for the Amethyst Gold Breccia (AGB) zone, a new target area within the Lawyers Property. Drill-hole 82AS25 intersected 86.06 g/t gold and 583.83 g/t silver over 7 metres at the Lawyers Gold-Silver Trend. The Lawyers Project is located in the Stikine Terrane, where magmatic events provided a source for mineralizing porphyry and epithermal systems. These mineralizing events form an arch of gold and polymetallic deposits around the Bowser Basin (that include Brucejack, KSM, Premier, Red Mountain, Bronson, GT Gold, Red Chris, and Kemess), referred to herein as the 'Golden Horseshoe', British Columbia, Canada.

AGB is located on a sub-parallel structure to the adjacent Lawyers Trend (see location map below) and shares similar anomalous gold-silver grades as the adjacent zones which have drill indicated high-grade and bulk tonnage intercepts. The AGB Zone has a +500 metre radiometric anomaly that is coincident with potassic alteration, anomalous rock samples, historical drilling and trenching. The Zone is located on the eastern side of the large 5 km by 8 km radiometric anomaly that is shared on the western portion with Cliff Creek, Dukes Ridge and Phoenix zones of the Lawyers Trend. With only limited data available for AGB and the eastern portion of the geophysical anomaly, it was not a focus of the limited 2018 work program, but is now a high priority target for an expanded property-scale work permit in 2019.

A historical estimate from Wright (1985) defined a proven reserve at AGB of 452,600 tonnes grading 8.321 g/t Au and 263.5 g/t Ag, which formed the basis for feasibility studies and a production decision for what became known as the Lawyers Mine. This development also included the construction of road access to the project and the nearby Sturdee airstrip, both of which are still used today. The potential quantity and grade stated above constitutes a historical estimate, parts of which have been mined, and is not to be relied upon. A qualified person has not completed sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as current [Mineral Resources Ltd.](#) or mineral reserves, and therefore Benchmark is not treating the historical estimate as current [Mineral Resources Ltd.](#) or mineral reserves.

Benchmark continues to acquire, compile and interpret new data from over 40 years of mining and exploration work around the +20km Lawyers Trend. Additional AGB results, information and location maps will be forthcoming following interpretation and data validation. Benchmark is currently compiling data for approximately 17,000 metres of drilling and 4,500 assays, from surface and underground, with more than 600 assays and 600 metres of trench data along with underground channel sample data over the historically mined deposit. AGB will be a focus area for the 2019 exploration program.

Location Map

The map provides the AGB target location relative to the adjacent Phoenix zone and Benchmark's existing mineral resource at the Cliff Creek and Dukes Ridge zones. The location of anomalous rock samples and historic drill-holes at AGB are shown over K-radiometrics, where data validation and interpretation are in progress.

AGB-Cliff Creek-Dukes Ridge-Phoenix Zones on K-Radiometrics

To view an enhanced version of this map, please visit:
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