

Benchmark Drills 11.7 g/t Gold and 476 g/t Silver over 4.4 Metres in the First Completed Drill Hole of 2019

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Edmonton, August 16, 2019 - [Benchmark Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: BNCH) (OTCQB: CYRTF) (WKN: A2JM2X) (the "Company" or "Benchmark") - Benchmark is pleased to report the first drill hole result at the Lawyers Trend (Cliff Creek Zone). Drilling has intersected 11.73 g/t gold and 476 g/t silver over 4.4 metres core length and within a wider zone grading 2.19 g/t gold and 85.36 g/t silver over 26.75 metres core length in drill hole 19CCDD001. The Lawyers Project is situated in the Stikine Terrane of northern British Columbia, Canada, and falls within the prolific, mineral-endowed 'Golden Horseshoe.'

John Williamson, CEO commented, "Drilling at Cliff Creek continues to intersect high-grade mineralization over 3 to 10 metres of core length and bulk-tonnage mineralization of up to 80 metres core length over a strike length of at least 400 metres, with intercepts as deep as 200 metres. Our visual and XRF examination of the drill intercepts correlates well with our analysis of the higher-grade portions of prior drill results."

During Phase 1 of its 2019 drill program, the Company completed 1,600 metres of diamond drilling in seven holes at the Cliff Creek portion of the Lawyers Trend. Intervals of intense alteration, multiphase veining and mineralization were intersected in all seven drill holes. These holes have been logged, sampled and sent to ALS Laboratories for analysis. Assay results for the remaining six holes will be forthcoming. Selected results received for the first drill hole at Cliff Creek are presented in Table 1.

A cross-section of 2019 drilling at the Cliff Creek Zone is presented in Figure 1. Drill hole 19CCDD001 intersected a portion of the Cliff Creek West (CCW) zone which was not historically sampled or modelled in the early to mid-1980's. Later drilling in 2015 intersected both the CCW and the Cliff Creek East (CCE) zone. Both of the CCW and CCE zones comprise a 4-7 metre high-grade zone within a broader zone of approximately 23-30 metres of 2-5 g/t Au bulk tonnage mineralization. Drill hole 19CCDD001 and the deeper 50 metre step-out hole 19CCDD005 indicate that the CCW and CCE zones of mineralization persist to depth.

Both the CCW and the CCE zones contain hydrothermal breccias and multiphase stockwork veins with fine grained sulphides (pyrite, acanthite and sulfosalts), within andesitic volcanics that have been pervasively altered with silica and adularia, the main alteration assemblage.

Table 1 - Selected results from the first drill hole:

Hole	From - To length (m)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	AuEq (g/t) ¹	Interval ²
19CCDD001	3.35m to 6.0m	2.01	71.18	2.90	2.65m
19CCDD001	144.25m to 176.0m	2.19	85.36	3.25	26.75m
including	144.25m to 156m	4.69	189.99	7.06	11.75m
including	145m to 150.4m	9.77	398.04	14.75	5.40m
including	146m to 150.4m	11.73	476.03	17.68	4.40m

Notes:

1. Gold equivalent (AuEq) calculated using 80:1 gold to silver ratio.
2. Intervals are core-length. True-width is estimated between 80 to 90% of core length.

Table 2 - Mineralized zones in each hole at Cliff Creek:

Alteration, mineralization and vein intersections observed in the core from all seven Phase 1 holes are presented in Table 2. Most of the holes exhibit multiple zones of mineralization and have XRF signatures indicating the presence of alteration and precious metal mineralization.

Drill Hole	Status	Observed Mineralized Zones	Depth (m)	Core Size	Mineralized Intersections (m) (based on visual inspection)
19CCDD001	Results completed	2	248.44	NQ2	3.35 - 6 144.25 -176 81-104.72
19CCDD002	Drilling completed	3	214.88	NQ2	127.25- 130.05 158.75-173.1
19CCDD003	Drilling completed	2	249.02	NQ2	58.7-66.94 146.27-190.18
19CCDD004	Drilling completed	1 (continues for ~100m)	184.40	NQ2	33.25-110.05
19CCDD005	Drilling completed	2	322.17	NQ2	115.15-157.45 230- 259.1 30.45-70.05
19CCDD006	Drilling completed	3	172.82	NQ2	90.72-93.25 111.35-125.16
19CCDD007	Drilling completed	2	209	HQ/NQ2	106-134.11 156.5-163.57

Figure #1 - 2019 drilling cross-section at the Cliff Creek Zone

Showing two significant and continuous mineralized zones intersected in drill holes 19CCDD001 and 19CCDD005, infilling gaps in historical drilling, and extending mineralization to depth beyond the historical drilling.

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