

# Benz Mining: Electromagnetics Identify New Conductive Trend in Footwall of Eastmain Mine

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Re-processing of FLEM identified a large conductor in the footwall of the existing resource at A Zone (376,000oz at 7.9gpt gold)
- Last DHEM survey of historical hole in 2020 identified off-hole conductors 200m in the footwall of A Zone confirming FLEM modelled plate
- These conductors represent a potential 3rd trend to be tested in upcoming drill programs
- Exploration expected to restart in January with 50,000m drill program and additional EM surveys to identify further targets across other trends with VTEM anomalies
- Results from 2020 drill program expected shortly

Toronto, January 13, 2021 - [Benz Mining Corp.](#) (TSXV: BZ) (ASX: BNZ) (the Company or Benz) is pleased to announce the discovery of a third conductive trend, parallel to and 200m in the footwall of the existing Eastmain resource envelope. This trend was confirmed by the last down hole electromagnetic (DHEM) survey of the 2020 field campaign, the results of which have now been interpreted.

Figure 1: Third potentially mineralized trend at Eastmain with 2020 drilling and all 2020 EM conductors (FLEM-Green and DHEM-Blue)

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## Third Parallel Conductive Trend identified

Second pass processing of fixed loop electromagnetic (FLEM) data in late 2020 identified a conductor in the footwall of the A Zone. The final DHEM survey for the 2020 season probed a deep historical stratigraphic hole drilled well into the footwall of the Eastmain deposit. Strong off-hole conductors confirmed the structural position of the modelled FLEM conductor and the existence of a strongly conductive trend with an EM response comparable with the existing know Eastmain mineralization. The modelled conductor and off hole DHEM have not been previously drilled and the trend seems to continue to the NW of Zone A.

Figure 2: FLEM modelled conductors from 2<sup>nd</sup> pass FLEM processing

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CEO, Xavier Braud, commented:

"The last of the EM data for 2020 brought us a nice surprise. Historically, mineralization had been identified along the mine series trend over a strike length of 10km. When we began assessing the Eastmain Project in early 2020 it became evident that there was the potential for multiple repeats of this mine series within our extensive tenement package. Since commencing exploration in July 2020, our exploration strategy has identified that there is now the potential for 3 mineralized trends. We look forward to further ground

geophysical programs in 2021 to further test VTEM anomalies which already highlight the potential for multiple additional trends. The Eastmain Gold Project is shaping up to become a very large system and we look forward to testing these targets in 2021."

Figure 3: Schematic cross section with all EM conductors and 2020 drilling highlighting the new footwall conductors, potentially third newly identified trend

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The Eastmain Gold Project, situated on the Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt in Quebec, Canada, currently hosts a NI 43-101 and JORC (2012) compliant resource of 376,000oz at 7.9gpt gold (Indicated: 236,500oz at 8.2gtp gold, Inferred: 139,300oz at 7.5gtp gold). The existing gold mineralization is associated with 15-20% semi-massive to massive pyrrhotite, pyrite and chalcopyrite in highly deformed and altered rocks making it amenable to detection using electromagnetic techniques. Multiple gold occurrences have been identified by previous explorers over a 10km long zone along strike from the Eastmain Mine with very limited but highly encouraging testing outside the existing resource area.

This press release was prepared under supervision and approved by Dr. Danielle Giovenazzo, P.Geo, acting as Benz's qualified person under National Instrument 43-101.

About Benz Mining Corp.

[Benz Mining Corp.](#) brings together an experienced team of geoscientists and finance professionals with a focused strategy to acquire and develop mineral projects with an emphasis on safe, low risk jurisdictions favourable to mining development. Benz is earning a 100% interest in the former producing high grade Eastmain gold mine, Ruby Hill West and Ruby Hill East projects in Quebec.

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## Appendix 1: JORC Tables

### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chip measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as a guide of sampling.</li> <li>● Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representativeness of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>● Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Results.</li> <li>● In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this will include whether circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which the results are to be reported (if not, details of the other methods used and charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, particularly if the gold has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities (eg. nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air leg, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of penetration, type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>

Criteria	JORC Code explanation
Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recovery</li> <li>● Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representativeness</li> <li>● Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and whether loss of material has occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and/or mine design</li> <li>● Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core logs should include down-hole photos (if practicable at intervals of approximately 1m)</li> <li>● The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections that are logged</li> </ul>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core is used</li> <li>● If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampling technique is relevant to grain size and/or grain shape</li> <li>● For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique</li> <li>● Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages including splitting for sample verification</li> <li>● Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the material being sampled, for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>● Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled</li> </ul>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and/or testing method. The technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>● For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the details of the technique, the method of determining the analysis including instrument make and model, calibration details, and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>● Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, etc.) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) have been established.</li> </ul>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The verification of significant intersections by either independent or qualified persons (eg geologists)</li> <li>● The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>● Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data storage (if electronic) protocols.</li> <li>● Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>
Location of data points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar/spool location, orientation and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation or mine design)</li> <li>● Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>● Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>
Data spacing and distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>● Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Resource estimation and classification applied.</li> <li>● Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling or otherwise, and, if this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>● If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of the mineralisation has been considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be discussed.</li> </ul>
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and/or results.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria

JORC Code explanation

Mineral tenement and land tenure status

- Type, reference name/number, location and ownership parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overland wilderness or national park and environmental status
- The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting licence to operate in the area.

Criteria

JORC Code explanation

Exploration done by other parties

● Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration b

Geology

● Deposit type, geological setting and style of min

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## JORC Code explanation

### Drill hole Information

- A summary of all information material to the understanding of the following information for all Material drill holes:
  - easting and northing of the drill hole collar
  - elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level)
  - dip and azimuth of the hole
  - down hole length and interception depth
  - hole length.
- If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis of the JORC Code, the exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the results. The reporting party should explain why this is the case.

### Data aggregation methods

- In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averages should be used where truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are used.
- Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results, the procedure used for such aggregations should be shown in detail.
- The assumptions used for any reporting of metal grades should be stated.

### Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths

- These relationships are particularly important in the case of high grade results.
- If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole is not known, the reported intercept lengths should be qualified.
- If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, the effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known') should be stated.

### Diagrams

- Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and diagrams should be included where a significant discovery being reported. These should show the drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.

### Balanced reporting

- Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is required, both low and high grades and/or widths should be reported.

### Other substantive exploration data

- Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported, including geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical test results; method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk sample analysis; characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.

### Further work

- The nature and scale of planned further work (eg, large-scale step-out drilling).
- Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible mineralisation, interpretations and future drilling areas, provided they are not misleading.

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