

Quetzal Copper Announces Acquisition of Cristinas Copper Project, Chihuahua, Mexico

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Vancouver, April 11, 2024 - [Quetzal Copper Corp.](#) (TSXV: Q) ("Quetzal" or the "Company"), a copper-focused exploration company, is pleased to announce that the Company entered into an agreement with certain third-party vendors (the "Polaris Vendors"), pursuant to which the Company has been granted the option (the "Polaris Option") to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Polaris Resources, S.A. de C.V. ("Polaris Resources"). Polaris Resources holds a 100% interest in the Cristinas copper project located in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico (the "Cristinas Project"), subject to fulfillment of certain underlying payments to be made to the underlying property vendors (the "Property Vendors").

CEO Matthew Badiali said, "The Cristinas Project is another exciting exploration target identified by the Company's technical team. It has all the features we value: nearby infrastructure, road access, outstanding geology with high-grades, and historic exploration success. The Cristinas Project held a small-scale oxide copper mine in the 1970's. The only drilling since was completed in 2014. That program yielded 4.3 metres true width grading 3.2% copper and 3.7 metres (true width) of 3.0% copper. These are the deepest completed holes, only 80m below the surface and remain open at depth. No one ever followed up on the historical drill program. We believe the Cristinas Project provides our shareholders with an excellent risk/reward profile for an exploration project, and we intend to commence drilling in late May 2024."

Figure 1: Plan map showing veining, historic copper surface samples and locations of historic drill holes at the Cristinas Project, Chihuahua, Mexico.

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Cristinas Project

The 685-hectare Cristinas Project is in northeastern Chihuahua state, Mexico, approximately 2-hours by car from Chihuahua City. The Cristinas Project includes a historic copper mine that operated in the 1970's on shallow copper oxide mineralization.

In 2014, [Cyprium Mining Corp.](#) drilled twelve holes in and around the historic workings. The program evaluated potentially higher-grade shallow copper-silver mineralization up to 150 m in depth (Cyprium Mining Management Discussion and Analysis, November 26, 2014). The program identified four closely spaced, parallel structures with widths between 0.25 m to 10 m in width. Grades ran from 0.2% to 12.4% copper and from 2 to 298 grams per tonne (g/t) silver (Table 1). Cyprium was seeking to put the Cristinas Project into production at a small scale.

Quetzal approaches the Cristinas Project with a new geological interpretation. Company geologists identified extensive sets of copper-rich carbonate veins which may be part of a copper-rich, carbonate replacement (CRD)/skarn style mineralizing system. The Project lies within the most prolific CRD belt in Mexico. This opens the potential for significant extensions of copper mineralization beneath the shallow drilling and along strike.

The deepest drilled holes at the Cristinas Project are the best intercepts and suggest the potential for wider intercepts of high-grade copper mineralization in deeper drilling. It is common for the best copper mineralization to occur at the heart of a CRD system next to the causative intrusive rock. This suggests stepping down from the current results towards the centre of the system is an excellent opportunity and will be the first focus of drilling planned by Quetzal for late May 2024.

Figure 2: Images from Cristinas Property, historic drill core and surface hand samples.

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Table 1 below shows selected historical drill results from 2014:

Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Estimated True Width (m)	Copper (%)	Silver(g/t)
LC14DD04	56.2	60.7	3.6	0.7	3.0
Includes	57.4	59.0	1.3	1.7	8.0
LC14DD05	44.5	45.8	0.9	4.9	6.0
And	56.2	60.7	3.7	3.0	17.0
LC14DD06	9.2	17.2	6.5	0.5	2.0
LC14DD07	13.9	17.7	3.7	0.6	6.0
LC14DD09	104.6	116.8	10.6	1.4	4.0
Includes	111.8	116.8	4.3	3.2	14.0
And	116.8	126.7	8.6	0.5	3.0
Includes	120.2	121.9	1.5	1.2	7.0
LC14DD10	61.1	71.9	10.3	1.4	5.0
Includes	66.6	69.3	2.5	3.0	12.0
And	111.1	126.9	15.4	0.2	1.0
LC14DD11	16.8	19.6	2.5	1.5	7.0
And	35.4	43.1	6.7	0.3	8.0
Includes	42.6	43.1	0.43	1.4	60.0

The reader is cautioned that results in this news release are based on prior data and reports prepared by previous property owners and operators. The reader is cautioned not to treat them, or any part of them, as current and that a qualified person has not done sufficient work to verify the results and that they may not form a reliable guide to future results. The Company considers these historical results relevant as it is using this data as a guide to plan exploration programs. No independent QA/QC protocols are known and as such analytical results may be unreliable.

Acquisition Terms

Quetzal has entered into an option agreement, dated April 9, 2024, with the Polaris Vendors, pursuant to which the Company has been granted the Polaris Option. In order to exercise the Polaris Option, Quetzal must make a US\$50,000 payment to the Vendors by April 9, 2025.

Quetzal will also assume the responsibility to make the underlying option payments on the Cristinas Project to the Property Vendors as follows: (i) cash payments of US\$100,000 on each of May 12, 2024, May 12, 2025 and May 12, 2026 to the Vendors; (ii) the issuance of US\$500,000 worth of common shares of Quetzal on each of May 12, 2025, May 12, 2026 and May 12, 2027 to the Vendors; and (iii) complete US\$1,000,000 in exploration on the Cristinas Project on or before December 31, 2025.

The Polaris Option and fulfillment of the underlying option payments on the Cristinas Project to the Property Vendors is subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV"). All parties to the Polaris Option are arm's length to the Company. No finder's fee is payable in respect of the Polaris Option.

QP Statement

Dr. Roy Greig, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical content in this release.

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About Quetzal Copper

Quetzal is engaged in the acquisition, exploration, and development of mineral properties in British Columbia. Quetzal currently has a portfolio of three properties located in British Columbia, Canada. The Company's principal project, Princeton Copper, is located adjacent to Hudbay's Copper Mountain mine in southern British Columbia.

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