

Benton Purchases Strategic Ground Directly Along Strike of the South Pond Gold Deposit from Noble Minerals

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Thunder Bay, October 14, 2025 - [Benton Resources Inc.](#) (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire a 100% interest in [Noble Mineral Exploration Inc.](#) (Noble) Island Pond Property. Subject to TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV) approval, the Company will pay a one-time cash payment of \$30,000 CAD and issue 1,000,000 common shares to Noble.

The Island Pond Property is strategically located north of Benton's South Pond Gold Zone within the Great Burnt Copper-Gold Project area. Geological and geophysical similarities between the Island Pond and South Pond areas suggest a potential continuation of significant gold-copper mineralization along the same structural trend.

By securing 100% ownership of Island Pond, Benton has effectively expanded its land position and consolidated control over the northern extension of the South Pond trend. This could potentially add greater than 1000m to the current 2.7km's of mineralized trend. The company will plan immediate prospecting and geophysics to evaluate its potential. A map of this important strategic project is shown below in Figure 1.

The shares will have a standard four-month hold period from the TSXV approval date and the project is subject to an underlying 2% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) to an original underlying vendor and a 1% NSR to Noble. Benton will assume all rights of the original 2%, including the right to buy the NSR back for \$1.5M, and a Right of First Refusal (ROFR) for Nobles 1% NSR.

Figure 1: Noble Mineral Exploration Option

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To date, Benton has drilled 23,300 m from late 2023 to present at Great Burnt and South Pond with some highlights listed below:

South Pond Highlights

- SP-24-01: 18.80 m of 1.13g/t, and 5.96 m of 2.06g/t Au
- SP-24-03: 43.75 m of 1.62g/t Au, incl 4.00 m of 3.99g/t Au
- SP-24-07: 74.20 m of 1.43g/t Au, incl 8.00 m of 2.94g/t Au
- SP-24-08: 14.00 m of 1.23g/t Au incl, 4.00 m of 2.33g/t Au
- SP-24-09: 24.00 m of 1.48g/t Au, incl 7.00 m of 2.03g/t Au
- SP-24-10: 20.00 m of 1.04g/t Au, and 25.00 m of 1.54g/t Au
- SP-24-12: 27.07 m of 1.08g/t Au, incl 5.00 m of 2.11g/t Au
- SP-24-13: 19.75 m of 1.42g/t Au, incl 4.00 m of 3.08g/t Au
- SP-24-15: 22.50 m of 1.24g/t Au, incl 4.00 m of 2.08g/t Au
- SP-24-23: 6.75 m of 2.90g/t Au
- SP-24-28: 27.40 m of 1.00g/t Au, incl 3.00 m of 2.92g/t Au
- SP-24-30: 8.00 m of 2.07g/t Au, incl 2.00 m of 4.83g/t Au

Note: Widths quoted are true core length, true widths are estimated at approximately 70% of core lengths

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Stephen House (P.Geol.), Vice President of Exploration for Benton Resources Inc., the 'Qualified Person' under National Instrument 43-101, has approved the scientific and technical disclosure in this news release and prepared or supervised its preparation.

QA/QC Protocols

Core and rock samples, including standards, blanks and duplicates, are submitted to Eastern Analytical Ltd., Springdale, Newfoundland for preparation and analysis. All samples were acquired by saw-cut (channels/drill core) with one-half submitted for assay and one-half retained for reference, or hand (rocks) and delivered, by Benton personnel, in sealed bags, to the Springdale lab of Eastern Analytical, which is an accredited assay lab that conforms to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. Samples are analyzed using Eastern's Au (Fire assay) @ 30g + ICP-34 method that delivers a 34-element package utilizing a 200 mg subsample totally dissolved in four acids and analyzed by ICP-OES analytical technique. Overlimits are analysed with Eastern's atomic absorption method, using a 0.200 g to 2.00 g of sample, digested with three acids. All reported assays are uncut. Eastern Analytical Ltd. achieved ISO 17025 accreditation in February 2014 (for more details on the scope of accreditation visit the CALA website). Grab samples are selective in nature and may not represent the average mineralization of a bedrock exposure.

About Benton Resources Inc.

Benton Resources is a well-financed mineral exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol BEX. Benton has a diversified, highly prospective property portfolio and holds large equity positions in other mining companies that are advancing high-quality assets. Whenever possible, BEX retains net smelter return (NSR) royalties with potential long-term cash flow.

Benton is focused on advancing its high-grade Copper-Gold Great Burnt Project in central Newfoundland, which has a Mineral Resource estimate of 667,000 tonnes @ 3.21% Cu Indicated and 482,000 @ 2.35% Cu Inferred. The Project has an excellent geological setting covering 25km of strike and boasts six known Cu-Au-Ag zones over 15km that are all open for expansion. Further potential for discovery is excellent given the extensive number of untested geophysical targets and Cu-Au soil anomalies. Phase 1 and 2 drill programs returned impressive results including 25.42 m of 5.51% Cu, including 9.78 m of 8.31% Cu, and 1.00 m of 12.70% Cu. Drilling at the South Pond Gold Zone, approximately 7.5 km north of the Great Burnt Copper-Gold Zone, has confirmed a robust gold-mineralized system over 2.7 km with results of 74.20 m of 1.43g/t Au and 43.75 m of 1.62g/t Au and is open for expansion in all directions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Benton Resources Inc.,

"Stephen Stares"

Stephen Stares, President

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