

# Benton Resources Drilling Continues to Delineate the South Pond Gold-Copper Deposit with Shallow - Wide Intercepts

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Thunder Bay, October 30, 2025 - [Benton Resources Inc.](#) (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has received encouraging gold results from its first seven holes from resource drilling at the South Pond Gold-Copper Deposit (see Table 1, Figures 2 and 3). The ongoing program is focused on demonstrating continuity along the 2.7 km long gold-copper horizon, which remains open north and south of the current drilling limits. Results to date confirm the presence of multiple well-mineralized zones, including hole SP 25-35, where folding or faulting may have resulted in the additional intersections. Further drilling is planned to determine the extent and control of the multiple zones. Chalcopyrite mineralization was noted in many holes and base metal assay results are still outstanding. A table of results is listed below.

Table 1: South Pond Drill Results

DDH #	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)
SP-25-35	6.60	25.60	19.00	0.60
	incl 22.60	25.60	3.00	1.86
	incl 23.60	24.60	1.00	2.53
	and 45.60	55.60	10.00	0.73
	incl 46.60	47.60	1.00	1.38
SP-25-36	27.20	38.55	11.35	1.01
	incl 29.55	31.55	2.00	2.39
SP-25-37	19.75	35.75	16.00	1.13
	incl 22.75	26.75	4.00	2.15
	incl 24.75	25.75	1.00	3.50
SP-25-38	9.35	24.75	15.40	1.11
	incl 12.55	17.55	5.00	2.14
	incl 15.55	16.55	1.00	2.98
SP-25-39	30.30	50.30	20.00	0.26
	incl 42.30	43.30	1.00	0.84
SP-25-40	28.40	29.40	1.00	0.42
SP-25-41	27.20	29.40	2.20	0.51

Note: True widths estimated to be ~90% of reported core lengths.

The Company also completed two aggressive step-out drill holes, SP 25-40 and 41, located approximately 340 m and 190 m north of the South Pond deposit. Both holes intersected highly anomalous gold values confirming the continuation of gold mineralization to the north and highlighting the strong expansion potential to the system.

A further two holes (GB 25-67/68) were drilled beneath and approximately 25 m north along strike from previous announced NGB target (see Company news release dated September 10, 2025), where drill hole GB-25-63 intersected 5.46 g/t gold and 0.35% copper over 2.75 m, and 2.16 g/t gold and 1.09% copper over 3.00 m. The east-directed holes did not intersect significant mineralization, however, subsequent stripping and detailed mapping revealed steep east-dipping folding, which may explain the result. Bedrock sampling located approximately 100 m to the east-northeast returned assays of 31.35, 4.57, 2.56 and 1.19 g/t gold, coupled with high-grade copper results up to 3.22%, indicating that the mineralized horizon continues to the north. The area is currently being further sampled and mapped to better understand the zone prepare it for drilling in the future.

Stephen Stares, Company President and CEO, stated, "We are confident that the Great Burnt and South Pond deposits will continue to deliver excellent results as we move them forward. Being in the industry and having drilled hundreds of drill holes on various projects, the Great Burnt Project is truly a rare gem. These are once-in-a-lifetime projects, where you can get continuous mineralization over such a large area. We now have high-grade copper systems and at least a 2.7 km-long gold-copper system on the same property. We are really excited to continue unlocking the Great Burnt Project's true potential."

Figure 1: Great Burnt Target Areas

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Figure 2: South Pond Drilling Plan Map

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Figure 3: South Pond Longitudinal Section

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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.

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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 2.5 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.,

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