

Atna Drills 100 Feet (30.5 m) Grading 0.058 oz/ton Gold (1.97 g/t)

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GOLDEN, Colo., May 25, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Atna Resources Ltd. ('Atna' or the 'Company') (TSX:ATN / OTCBB:ATNAF) is pleased to report positive drill results in the Deep Briggs mineral resource area of the Briggs Mine, California ('Briggs'). Highlights of the recently assayed drill holes include:

Main/Deep Briggs

-- 100 feet (30.5 m) grading 0.058 oz/ton gold (1.97 g/t), including 45 feet (13.7 m) grading 0.097 oz/ton gold (3.23 g/t) in hole BMD11-064 extending the zone to the east beyond the existing resource.
-- 60 feet (18.3 m) grading 0.041 oz/ton gold (1.42 g/t) in hole number BMD11-062 extending the zone to the north of the existing resource.
-- 75 feet (22.9 m) grading 0.037 oz/ton gold (1.26 g/t) and 245 feet (74.7 m) grading 0.024 oz/ton gold (0.82 g/t) in hole number BMD11-066 in an area of wide spaced holes within the Deep Briggs resource area.

'These intercepts represent the best we have seen within Deep Briggs. Exploration has outlined a higher grade area within and beyond the existing resource with current dimensions of 200 meters long, 75 to 100 meters wide with thicknesses ranging from 20 meters to over 60 meters. The zone is open and is developing into a large, coherent body of strong gold mineralization at grades substantially higher than the mine's reserve grade.' said James Hesketh, President & CEO.

These new drill holes are contiguous with, extend and infill the broad mineralized zones reported in previous press releases issued between February and April 2011. Drilling continues and is designed to fill in areas of widespread drilling and to extend the mineralized zone along trend.

Detailed Assay Results

	From-feet ----- (meters) -----	To-feet ----- (meters) -----
BMD11-062 (Azimuth 330, Angle -55)		
	65 (19.8)	175 (53.4)
	200 (61.0)	220 (67.1)
	280 (85.4)	310 (94.5)
	355 (108.2)	375 (114.3)
	395 (120.4)	455 (138.7)
including	400 (122.0)	420 (128.1)
	515 (157.0)	610 (186.0)
BMD11-064 (Azimuth 0, Angle -90)		
	45 (13.7)	65 (19.8)

	85 (25.9)	190 (57.9)
including	160 (48.8)	180 (54.9)
	290 (88.4)	355 (108.2)
	450 (137.2)	550 (167.7)
including	480 (146.3)	525 (160.1)
BMD11-066 (Azimuth 270 degrees, Angle -55 degrees)		
	0 (0)	40 (12.2)
	65 (19.8)	140 (42.7)
including	105 (32.0)	125 (38.1)
	260 (79.3)	310 (94.5)
	520 (158.5)	765 (233.2)
including	740 (225.6)	760 (231.7)
	815 (248.5)	835 (254.6)
BMD11-068 (Azimuth 090 degrees, Angle -55 degrees)		
	50 (15.2)	90 (27.4)
	140 (42.7)	155 (47.3)
	215 (65.5)	235 (71.6)

	* Length-feet (meters)	ounces/ton Au (grams/tonne Au)	Pit or Zone
BMD11-062 (Azimuth 330, Angle -55)			
	110 (33.5)	0.018 (0.62)	Main/Deep Briggs
	20 (6.1)	0.015 (0.51)	Deep Briggs
	30 (9.1)	0.012 (0.41)	Deep Briggs
	20 (6.1)	0.020 (0.69)	Deep Briggs
	60 (18.3)	0.041 (1.42)	Deep Briggs
including	20 (6.1)	0.097 (3.32)	
	95 (29.0)	0.014 (0.50)	Deep Briggs
BMD11-064 (Azimuth 0,			

Angle -90)			

	20 (6.1)	0.018 (0.62)	Main Briggs
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	105 (32.0)	0.021 (0.71)	Deep Briggs
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including	20 (6.1)	0.063 (2.15)	
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	65 (19.8)	0.010 (0.33)	Deep Briggs
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	100 (30.5)	0.058 (1.97)	Deep Briggs
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including	45 (13.7)	0.094 (3.23)	
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BMD11-066 (Azimuth 270 degrees, Angle -55 degrees)			

	40 (12.2)	0.028 (0.95)	Main Briggs
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	75 (22.9)	0.037 (1.26)	Main/Deep
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			Briggs
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including	20 (6.1)	0.105 (3.59)	
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	50 (15.2)	0.016 (0.55)	Deep Briggs
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	245 (74.7)	0.024 (0.82)	Deep Briggs
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including	20 (6.1)	0.098 (3.35)	
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	20 (6.1)	0.048 (1.65)	Deep Briggs
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BMD11-068 (Azimuth 090 degrees, Angle -55 degrees)			

	40 (12.2)	0.009 (0.32)	East Wall
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	15 (4.6)	0.023 (0.80)	East Wall
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	20 (6.1)	0.078 (2.67)	East Wall
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* Intercept length may not represent true thicknesses of the mineralized body due to oblique intersection of the mineralized zone by the drill hole.

Analytical results contained within this press release were completed by standard fire assay methods with an atomic absorption or gravimetric finish by Inspectorate America Corporation, an independent, ISO certified, analytical laboratory located in Sparks, Nevada. Atna maintains a rigorous Quality Assurance - Quality Control (QA/QC) program utilizing both certified gold standards and blanks to augment Inspectorate's internal QA/QC program.

This press release was prepared under the supervision and review of William Stanley, V.P. Exploration of Atna, a Licensed Geologist, and Qualified Person with the ability and authority to verify the authenticity and validity of information contained within this news release.

For additional information on Atna Resources and the Briggs Mine, please visit our website at <http://www.atna.com/>.

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