Results include 29.52 g/t Au across 5.9 m

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THUNDER BAY, ON, April 12, 2017 /CNW/ - <u>Premier Gold Mines Ltd.</u> ("Premier" or "The Company") (TSX:PG) is pleased to provide recent drill results from the Company's 100%-owned McCoy-Cove Property, located 32 miles south of Battle Mountain in Lander County, Nevada. The ongoing drill program continues to expand and delineate the primary Helen and CSD Gap Zones as well as test highly prospective targets near and along the Cove trend.

Highlights of new drill results include:

- 9.07 g/t Au across 1.7 m and 9.31 g/t Au across 5.5 m in hole PG17-04
- 10.49 g/t Au across 2.7 m in hole PG17-06
- 10.34 g/t Au across 7.2 m and 29.52 g/t Au across 5.9 m in hole PG17-07
- 19.37 g/t Au across 2.4 m and 16.75 g/t Au across 3.4 m in hole PG17-10

All abbreviations used in this press release are available by following this link (click here).

Premier announced on March 21, 2017 a resource estimate for McCoy-Cove, completed by RPA Inc. of Toronto, Ontario with total Indicated Mineral Resources of 614,000 tonnes grading 11.57 g/t Au (228,000 ounces of gold) and Inferred Resources of 3,378,000 tonnes grading 12.17 g/t Au (1,322,000 ounces of gold) contained within Helen, CSD Gap, CSD and 2201 Zones.

This drill program is part of the Company's 2017 US\$13.4M exploration and development budget at McCoy-Cove that also includes hydrological and metallurgical test work as part of a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) that is expected to be completed in H2-2017. The positive drill results from this program are expected to warrant the initiation of an underground drill program that may begin in Q1 2018 once access has been established.

"Drilling continues to improve our understanding of the McCoy-Cove deposit and demonstrates the potential to expand the resource in the vicinity of the main resource areas and in the other new target horizons on the property," commented Nevada Exploration Manager Chad Peters on the Company's C-Suite Blog (http://www.premiergoldmines.com/news/c-suite-blog). "Our work at McCoy-Cove has resulted in the delineation of a new high-grade deposit in Nevada."

Table 1 – 2017 Assay results from drilling at McCoy-Cove

Hole ID Coordinates <sup>(1)</sup> Azimuth (m) /Dip (Degrees	(m) (m) Length	Au Ag (2) (g/t) (g/t)	Core Length <sup>(2)</sup> (ft)	Au Ag (oz/t) (oz/t)	Comment
PG17-01 4465432N/481977E 48/-48	Abandoned				Pre-collar deviation
PG17-02 481693E/4465993N 254/-83	370.2371.21.1	6.47 1.90	3.5	0.19 0.06	Helen
PG17-03 481805E/4465778N 351/-57	519.1 520.6 1.5	9.41 0.31	5.0	0.27 0.01	Helen
PG17-04 481987E/4465390N 46/-59	598.0599.71.7	9.07 2.89	5.5	0.26 0.08	Helen
	642.2647.75.5	9.31 12.11	18.0	0.27 0.35	
PG17-05 481687E/4465988N 201/-86	No Significant Valu	es			Helen
PG17-06481696E/4465997N287/-80	352.5 356.8 4.3	5.69 1.31	14.0	0.17 0.04	
	574.9 579.7 4.9	6.44 1.67	16.0	0.19 0.03	
	591.3597.46.1	6.21 1.79	20.0	0.18 0.05	
	594.7597.42.7	10.493.30	9.0	0.31 0.10	including
PG17-07 481603E/4465760N 30/-63	434.0 436.8 2.8	9.06 4.65	9.2	0.26 0.14	Helen
	595.1602.37.2	10.342.90	23.5	0.38 0.03	
	605.6607.51.8	11.25 4.22	6.0	0.33 0.12	
	629.3635.25.9	29.528.48	19.5	0.86 0.25	
	629.7631.92.1	61.31 17.66	7.0	1.79 0.52	including
	696.2702.15.9	7.81 1.57	19.5	0.23 0.05	
PG17-08 481977E/4465431N 48/-56	424.1 426.4 2.3	8.38 0.98	7.5	0.24 0.03	
	467.3476.69.3	5.99 5.80	30.5	0.17 0.17	
	470.0472.72.7	7.92 6.17	9.0	0.23 0.18	including
PG17-09481604E/4465761N38/-62	Assays Pending				Helen
PG17-10 481912E/4465566N 53/-51	483.7 486.6 3.0	17.73 104.86	9.7	0.52 3.06	Gap
	520.0521.51.5	6.75 105.36	5.0	0.20 3.07	
	557.8560.22.4	19.37 11.28	8.0	0.56 0.33	
	591.5 594.8 3.4	16.75 3.55	11.0	0.49 0.10	
	651.1 655.6 4.6	6.92 4.99	15.0	0.20 0.15	
PG17-11 481988E/4465390N 57/-46	550.5 557.2 6.7	6.33 6.60	22.0	0.18 0.19	
	665.7671.55.8	5.67 1.67	18.9	0.17 0.05	
	678.3681.22.9	8.69 1.53	9.5	0.25 0.04	
PG17-12482455E/4466059N203/-46	Abandoned				Pre-collar deviation
PG17-13 480621E/4466019N 59/-52	399.3599.5200.3	0.65 0.31	657.0	0.02 0.01	Windy Point
	459.0460.91.8	7.11 0.25	6.0	0.21 0.01	including
	542.1 599.5 57.5	1.04 0.29	188.6	0.03 0.01	and

PG17-14480695E/4466010N 38/-77 370.3 404.3 34.0 0.25 0.19 111.5 0.01 0.01 Windy Point

570.4636.966.5 0.45 0.16 218.1 0.01 0.00

## Notes:

1. True widths are estimated at 75-90% of core interval

Stephen McGibbon, P. Geo., Executive Vice President, Corporate & Project Development, is the Qualified Person for the information contained in this press release and is a Qualified Person within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101. Drill samples were sent to ALS Laboratories in Reno, Nevada for analysis with the analytical facility utilizing 30 gram fire assay with an AA finish for RC samples and 30 gram fire assay with AA finish and ICP-MS 30 element scan from 4-acid digestion for core samples. Over-limit samples receive an automatic gravimetric finish. Tudorel Ciuculescu, P.Geo, is the independent Qualified Persons who have reviewed and approved the resources contained in this press release for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101.

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