

Benton Resources Identifies Large, Deep Conductive Electro Magnetic Plates Associated with Known Mineralized Zones at South Pond

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Drilling at Great Burnt Set to Resume in the Next Week

[Benton Resources Inc.](#) (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has completed approximately 70% of a planned 5 km-long surface Pulse Electromagnetic ("EM") survey along the northern portion of the South Pond trend on the Great Burnt Property. Interpretation of the data collected to date has identified several new, extensive conductive plates, along with large conductive plates directly associated with known mineralized zones at surface. Preliminary interpretation suggests that the known zones may be situated near the crest of an anticlinal fold, with additional conductive EM plates located to the east and west along the limbs of the structure. Diamond drilling and further geological mapping will target these conductive zones in the next phase of drilling (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: South Pond Drilling and EM Conductors

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The South Pond trend has been drill-tested at shallow depths over a strike length of approximately 2.3 km with impressive results highlighted below.

Table 1: Highlights of South Pond trend Drill Results:

DDH #	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)
SP-24-01	18.20	37.00	18.80	1.13
	incl 27.24	33.20	5.96	2.06
	incl 27.24	28.90	1.66	5.17
SP-24-03	20.15	63.90	43.75	1.62
	incl 33.00	43.90	10.90	1.90
	incl 58.90	63.90	5.00	3.48
	incl 58.90	62.90	4.00	3.99
SP-24-08	81.00	95.00	14.00	1.23
	incl 81.00	85.00	4.00	2.33
	incl 84.00	85.00	1.00	3.24
SP-24-09	32.00	56.00	24.00	1.48
	incl 48.00	55.00	7.00	2.03
	incl 50.00	52.00	2.00	3.09
SP-24-12	27.00	54.07	27.07	1.08
	incl 38.00	43.00	5.00	2.11
	incl 38.00	39.00	1.00	4.11
SP-24-13	3.25	23.00	19.75	1.42
	incl 10.00	14.00	4.00	3.08
	incl 12.00	13.00	1.00	5.30

SP-24-15	36.40	58.90	22.50	1.24
incl	41.40	45.40	4.00	2.08
SP-24-17	32.60	41.20	8.60	1.32
incl	36.60	38.60	2.00	2.10
and	50.05	59.30	9.25	0.47
SP-24-23	59.75	66.50	6.75	2.90
incl	60.75	63.75	3.00	6.42
incl	60.75	61.75	1.00	15.72
SP-24-28	9.40	36.80	27.40	1.00
incl	13.40	16.40	3.00	2.92
incl	15.40	16.40	1.00	5.88
SP-24-30	2.30	10.30	8.00	2.07
incl	6.30	10.30	4.00	3.54
incl	7.30	9.30	2.00	4.83
incl	8.30	9.30	1.00	5.13
SP-24-31	37.00	45.00	8.00	1.26
incl	37.00	40.00	3.00	2.78
incl	39.00	40.00	1.00	5.43
SP-24-32	34.10	88.60	54.50	1.88
incl	43.10	57.10	14.00	2.41
incl	52.10	53.10	1.00	9.68
and	68.10	80.10	12.00	3.34
incl	72.10	75.10	3.00	4.87

Note: Widths quoted are true core length, at this early stage, further drilling is required to determine true width of mineralization

Figure 2: South Pond Drill Hole Location Map

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In addition, the Company is pleased to announce that it will recommence drilling at the Great Burnt Main Zone ("GBMZ") and the new discovery at the deep NSZ within the next week. The Company recently completed drill hole GB-25-53, a 100 m step out from GB-23-45, which intersected a wide zone of copper mineralization grading 0.77% Cu over 32.1 m including 1.12% Cu over 18.97 m, 1.83% Cu over 8.63 m, 2.41% Cu over 5.25 m, and 4.34% Cu over 1.00 m within the broader 32.1 m interval. A subsequent downhole Pulse Electromagnetic Survey has identified the presence of a conductor down-plunge from the new intercept indicating further expansion potential to the south. A 50 m step-out hole will be designed to test the conductor in anticipation of further expanding the zone.

Figure 3: Great Burnt Copper Main Zone Longitudinal Section

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North Stringer and Footwall Zones

In addition, the Company plans at least 4 drill holes around the significant new discovery beneath the North Stringer Zone ("NSZ") where Hole GB-25-59 encountered two zones, with the upper zone returning 0.69% Cu over 14.40 m, including 1.09% Cu over 3.00 m. The lower zone returned 0.80% Cu over 15.00 m, including 0.96% Cu over 6.20 m, 1.65% Cu over 3.00 m and 2.07% Cu over 2.00 m. The upper zone was associated with gold mineralization grading 0.67g/t Au over 14.40 m including 2.16g/t Au over 3.00 m. The lower zone, with higher grade copper, is associated with a down-hole/off-hole EM anomaly, indicating considerable expansion potential for this new area. Drilling will target this new anomaly and area for expansion.

Additional drilling will also target the Footwall Zone ("FZ") located 250 m east of the GBMZ where Hole GB-25-51 intersected a significant copper-gold horizon which graded 0.58% Cu over 10.47 m including 1.11% Cu and 0.88g/t Au over 5.09 m.

Figure 4: Great Burnt Project Compilation Map

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Benton has a 70% interest in the Great Burnt Copper-Gold Project and Homeland Nickel holds the remaining 30%, where they are funding their respective interest, with Benton as the project operator.

The Company would also like to express its appreciation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Government's Junior Exploration Assistance program for financial grants supporting mineral exploration projects in the province. Benton has been fortunate to have received these grants, which are an important catalyst for mineral exploration in this highly favourable mining jurisdiction.

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).

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Stephen House (P.Geo.), 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.

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 25 km of strike and boasts six known Cu-Au-Ag zones over 15 km 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.

All drilling phases at Great Burnt to date have returned impressive results including: GB-23-02: 13.00 m of 8.31% Cu, incl 3.00 m of 12.80% Cu GB-23-04: 26.87 m of 7.18% Cu, incl 11.16 m of 10.28% Cu GB-23-12: 25.42 m of 5.51% Cu, incl 1.00 m of 8.77% Cu, 82.00g/t Ag, 4.43g/t Au GB-23-15: 22.59 m of 5.03% Cu, incl 0.50 m of 20.00% Cu GB-23-21: 24.00 m of 5.81% Cu, incl 7.00 m of 11.47% Cu GB-23-22: 21.68 m of 3.59% Cu, incl 2.00 m of 15.3% 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 robust results including: SP-24-03: 43.75 m of 1.62g/t Au, SP-24-07: 74.20 m of 1.43g/t Au, SP-24-15: 22.50 m of 1.24g/t Au and SP-24-32: 54.5 m of 1.88g/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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