Phenom Hires Project Manager for its Gold Exploration in Nevada

May 20, 2026 - Vancouver, British Columbia – Phenom Resources Corp. (TSX-V: PHNM) (OTCQX®: PHNMF) (FSE: 1PY0) ("Phenom" or the "**Company")** is pleased to report that it continues to build up its geological team for its busy gold exploration program this year with the recent hiring of Dr. Elizabeth Zbinden consulting geologist and Project Manager. Dr. Zbinden joins the geological team with Dave Mathewson, Dr. Mike Ressel and Mikaella Rough.

Dr. Elizibeth Zbinden earned her Ph.D. (Geology) at Stanford University and is a senior geologist and geochemist consultant with over 30 years of experience in mineral exploration and deposit development, primarily for precious metals and copper in Nevada and surrounding Basin and Range states, Ontario, Alaska, Mongolia, and Laos. Clients include Newmont Mining Corporation, Kinross, Homestake Mining Company, Placer Dome Exploration, Centerra Gold (US) Inc., and Gold Standard Ventures at notable mines in Nevada such as Round Mountain and Getchell/Turquoise Ridge. Her core competencies include geologic mapping and related field work for exploration and development, interpreting mapping, logging, and geochemical data, analyzing and predicting distribution of mineralization, operational management with running drill programs and developing geochemical vectors and drill targets associated with alteration and mineralization. Dr. Zbinden is an active officer and consistent volunteer for Geological Society of Nevada, other professional and trade associations, and community non-profit organizations and the current President of the Nevada Mineral Exploration Coalition.

Dave Mathewson, states, "I am very happy to have attracted Elizabeth to oversee our exploration efforts. I have worked with Elizabeth and rank her as a high-quality person and senior leader and have every confidence that her skillset will greatly benefit the Company's efforts."

<u>Dobbin Drill and Trench Permit Application Update</u>

The Company also reports that it has had weekly updating meetings over the four weeks with US Forest Service on final stages to the Company's permit application for drilling and trenching on Dobbin. Each meeting shows positive steps toward granting the permit very soon. The permit will allow for up to 19 core holes and 12 mechanical trenches focused on an 800-metre long (2,625 foot) portion of the 2.1 kilometres long (1.3 miles) by 200 meters (660 feet) wide gold soil anomaly. A drill contractor and a road building/trenching contractor have been secured, and the geological team is in place for a successful summer program at Dobbin.

At Dobbin, Phenom has identified a strong 2.1 kilometres long (1.3 miles) and 200 meters (660 feet) wide gold in soils anomaly with a large number of values between 0.1 g/t Au up to 2.73 g/t Au (approx. 0.09oz/ton). The northeast linear gold anomaly reflects a northeast trending structure presumed to be subvertical cutting through gently dipping Roberts Mountains Formation carbonates, an important host for many Carlin-type gold deposits in central and northern Nevada. This is a sizable significant Carlin-style gold system with typical coincident elevated pathfinder elements that has never been drill tested.

About Phenom Resources Corp.

Phenom has 100% interest in the Carlin Gold-Vanadium Project, located in Elko County, 6 miles south from the town of Carlin, Nevada and Highway I-80 which hosts the Carlin Vanadium deposit, North America's largest highest grade primary vanadium resource. The Project lies within the prolific Carlin Gold Trend. Approximately 9 million ounces comprised of multiple gold deposits, including past producing mines, are present near the Phenom property (5-15km). The Company has earned a 100% interest in the Crescent Valley Property, which has a Bonanza high grade gold vein-type and a critical metals IOCG-type target. The Company has options on two other gold projects in Nevada, the King Solomon and Dobbin Properties which are Carlin Gold-type targets.

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