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BENTON ANNOUNCES DRILL RESULTS FROM FIRST HOLES AT STAGHORN AND APPROVAL OF ABERNETHY DEAL

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Thunder Bay, Ontario: Benton Resources Inc. (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or "the Company") would like to announce that the Company has received results from the first four diamond drill holes on the Staghorn gold project which is under option from Metals Creek Resources Corp. (TSXV: MEK) (see Benton PR dated November 18, 2014). The Staghorn claims are situated along the Cape Ray/Victoria Lake regional fault zone, which is host to a number of gold deposits, including Marathon Gold's Valentine Lake deposit located 30km to the northeast of the property and Benton's Cape Ray gold deposits approximately 100km to the southwest.

Three of the drill holes have identified in bedrock, the lithological unit that hosts the Ryan's Hammer boulder terrain. Benton is encouraged with the initial results and by the size of the gold enriched system. Highlights from the first holes include 42.6m grading 0.219gpt gold hole RH15-01 and 71.2m grading 0.184gpt gold (RH15-02). This first drill campaign tested targets associated with geochemical and geophysical anomalies, covering a 3.2km strike length. The 11 hole drill program has now been completed and future drilling is planned to test the remaining targets, including the "Rich House" Visible Gold showing, where selected grab samples graded from trace up to 189.2gpt gold. This target could not be tested during this recent program due to inclement weather conditions. All samples have been submitted for analysis and results will be released as they become available. All assays were completed by Eastern Analytical of Springdale, NL using pulp metallic and fire assay.

Results for the first 4 drill holes:

HOLE	FROM (m)	TO (m)	LENGTH (m)	Au (gpt)
RH15-01	**3.5**	**46.1**	**42.6**	**0.219**
incl.	**6.3**	**12.6**	**6.3**	**0.483**
incl.	6.3	8.3	2	0.832
incl.	6.3	7.3	1	1.186
incl.	**31.6**	**35.6**	**4**	**0.526**
incl.	32.6	34.6	2	0.706
incl.	**40.6**	**46.1**	**5.5**	**0.425**
incl.	40.6	41.6	1	0.659
and	43.6	44.6	1	0.859
RH15-02	**2.7**	**73.9**	**71.2**	**0.184**
incl.	**16**	**27**	**11**	**0.61**
incl.	17	18	1	1.062
and	23	24	1	1.172
and	26	27	1	1.11
RH15-03	**19.1**	**25.1**	**6**	**0.416**

	19.1	**22.1**	**3**	**0.482**
	49.9	**50.9**	**1**	**1.36**
RH15-04	no significant intersections			

Note: True thicknesses are unknown at this time

In addition, the Company has been notified by Element 79 Capital Inc., (“Element 79”) that it has received conditional acceptance from the TSX Venture Exchange (the “Exchange”) for the closing of its proposed qualifying transaction with the Company to acquire the right to earn a 100-per-cent interest in Benton's Abernethy gold project (see Benton PR dated February 25, 2015).

The transaction is subject to receipt of requisite regulatory approval, including the approval of the TSX-V and standard closing conditions. Assuming all conditions to closing are satisfied, the company expects to close the transaction on or before December 31, 2015. Upon completion of the proposed transaction, the company is expected to meet all minimum listing requirements for a Tier 2 mining issuer. In addition, the Exchange has granted Element 79 an extension of time to transfer the Element 79 common shares to Benton until February 25, 2016.

Finally, the Company would like to announce the resignation of Raphael Gerstel from its Board of Directors. The Company would like to thank Raphael for his time on the Board and wish him all the best in the future.

About Benton Resources Inc. (TSXV: BEX)

Benton Resources Inc is a well funded Canadian-based junior with a diversified property portfolio in Gold-Silver, Nickel, Copper, and Platinum group elements.

Clinton Barr (P.Geo.), V.P. Exploration for Benton Resources Inc., is the qualified person responsible for this release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Benton Resources Inc.,
"Stephen Stares"
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