

Benton Commences Second Phase Drill Program at Bedivere Gold Project

Thunder Bay, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - November 8, 2017) - Benton Resources Inc. (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that it has commenced a second round of diamond drilling on its Bedivere Gold project located in northwestern Ontario. The program will consist of approximately 1,200m and is designed to test the main Traxin zone at depth and along strike as well as to test multiple targets identified within the main structure corridor over a distance of 7km associated with Induce Polarization, Electro Magnetic, Magnetics and soil geochemistry survey work completed previously. The initial diamond drill holes of this program will test the 800m long conductor on the southern part of the main structure near Sandy Lake where highly anomalous and wide spread copper and zinc values occur in soil and rock geochemistry samples.

Highlights from the previously released 14 diamond drill holes include 1.5gpt (grams per tonne) Au (gold) over 14.0m including 6.43gpt over 2.0m in BED-17-001 and 37.3gpt Au over 1.0m in BED-17-003 where visible native gold was noted and 3.09gpt Au over 4.0m and 11.2gpt Au over 1.0m and a second parallel zone of 4.04gpt over 1.0m in BED-17-13 (See Company news releases dated August 17, 2017, August 23, 2017 and August 31, 2017). Results from the current drill program will be released once received and compiled by the Company's technical team.

Benton also controls the Cape Ray gold deposits located on the west coast of Newfoundland and is currently working on various ways to advance the project in the best interest of shareholders. The previously announced results of the Cape Ray PEA include a pre-tax net present value ("NPV") at a 7% discount rate of \$48.5 million with a pre-tax internal rate of return ("IRR") of 31% and a post-tax NPV at a 7% discount rate of \$32.4 million with a post-tax IRR of 25%. The reader should be cautioned that the PEA is preliminary in nature. It contains inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves.

Finally, the Company has granted 2,525,000 incentive stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, exercisable at a price of \$0.10 per share for a period of five years from the date of grant.

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.Geol.), V.P. Exploration for Benton Resources Inc., is the qualified person responsible for this release has prepared, supervised the preparation or approved the scientific and technical disclosure in the news release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Benton Resources Inc.,

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Stephen Stares, President

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