

Benton's Prospecting and Trenching Program Returns More High-Grade Copper and Gold Results within the Great Burnt Project; Engages Grove for Investor Relations Services

Thunder Bay, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - January 19, 2024) - Benton Resources Inc. (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that its second batch of trenching and prospecting samples has returned several high-grade copper and gold zones at surface up to 14km north from the Great Burnt Main Zone (GBMZ), all part of the Company's recently acquired Great Burnt Copper-Gold Project in Newfoundland (the "Project").

Several surface grab samples located on or near airborne electromagnetic (AEM) conductors have outlined significant mineralized areas at the North Stringer Zone (approximately 0.5km north of GBMZ) and at the South Pond Zone (approximately 14km north of the GBMZ). The surface zones were discovered by prospecting in the vicinity of 1970's drilling that previously identified copper mineralization. Highlights of selective individual grab samples from the zones include:

- North Stringer Zone graded up to **4.35% copper, 0.37gpt gold and 0.03% cobalt and 2.67% copper, 0.28gpt gold and 0.01% cobalt.**
- Trench 13 graded up to **0.14% copper, 3.71gpt gold and 0.01% cobalt and 0.13% copper, 2.14gpt gold and 0.01% cobalt.**

A table of the significant results (see Table 1) from the two areas is shown below along with a map showing sample locations (see Figure 1, 2, 3, 4). The Company will proceed to enlarge the exposures of selected mineralized zones to permit geological mapping and channel sampling as much as possible in the 2024 season.

Table 1: Samples from Prospecting/Trenching

Sample #	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Target	Type	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ni (%)	Co (%)
138625	563406	5362963	769	Tr 13	boulder	0.13	2.14	0.023	0.011
138627	563386	5362975	778	Tr 13	boulder	0.14	3.71	0.020	0.009
168057	563118	5354873	858	Prospecting	sub-crop	0.24	0.02	0.001	0.001
168058	563112	5354863	861	Prospecting	sub-crop	2.67	0.28	0.006	0.014
168059	563116	5354869	861	Prospecting	outcrop	1.85	0.13	0.006	0.016
168060	563130	5354851	858	Prospecting	sub-crop	0.37	0.03	0.000	0.009
168062	563123	5354853	862	Prospecting	boulder	4.35	0.37	0.006	0.028
168063	563123	5354851	862	Prospecting	sub-crop	1.66	0.15	0.008	0.068
168064	563105	5354844	865	Prospecting	sub-crop	1.41	0.16	0.001	0.007
168095	563487	5362972	777	TR 13	sub-crop	0.19	1.54	0.002	0.005
168096	563487	5362972	777	TR 13	sub-crop	0.20	0.76	0.030	0.009

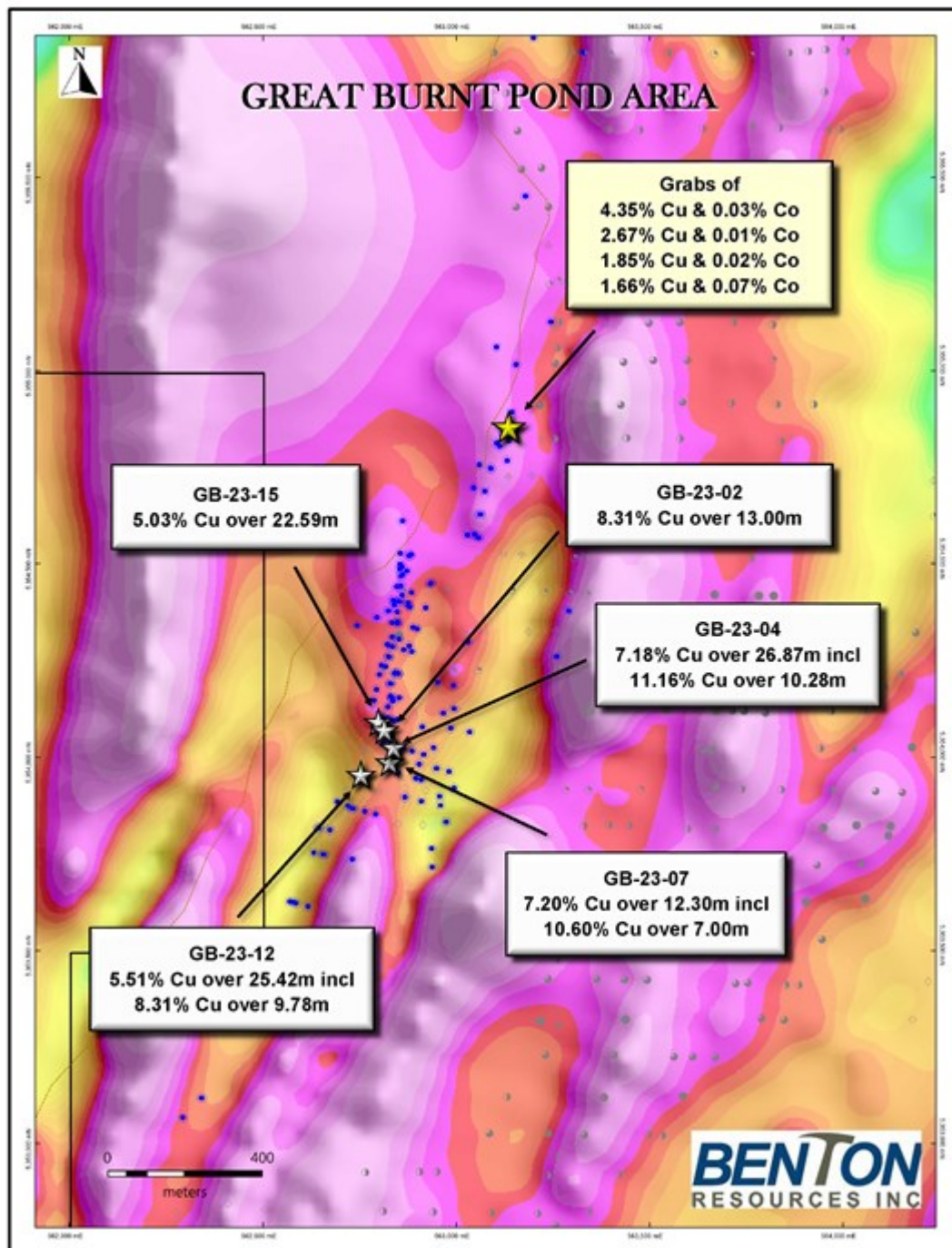


Figure 1: Sample Location Map 1 (Airborne EM background)

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Figure 2: North Stringer Zone Location Map 2

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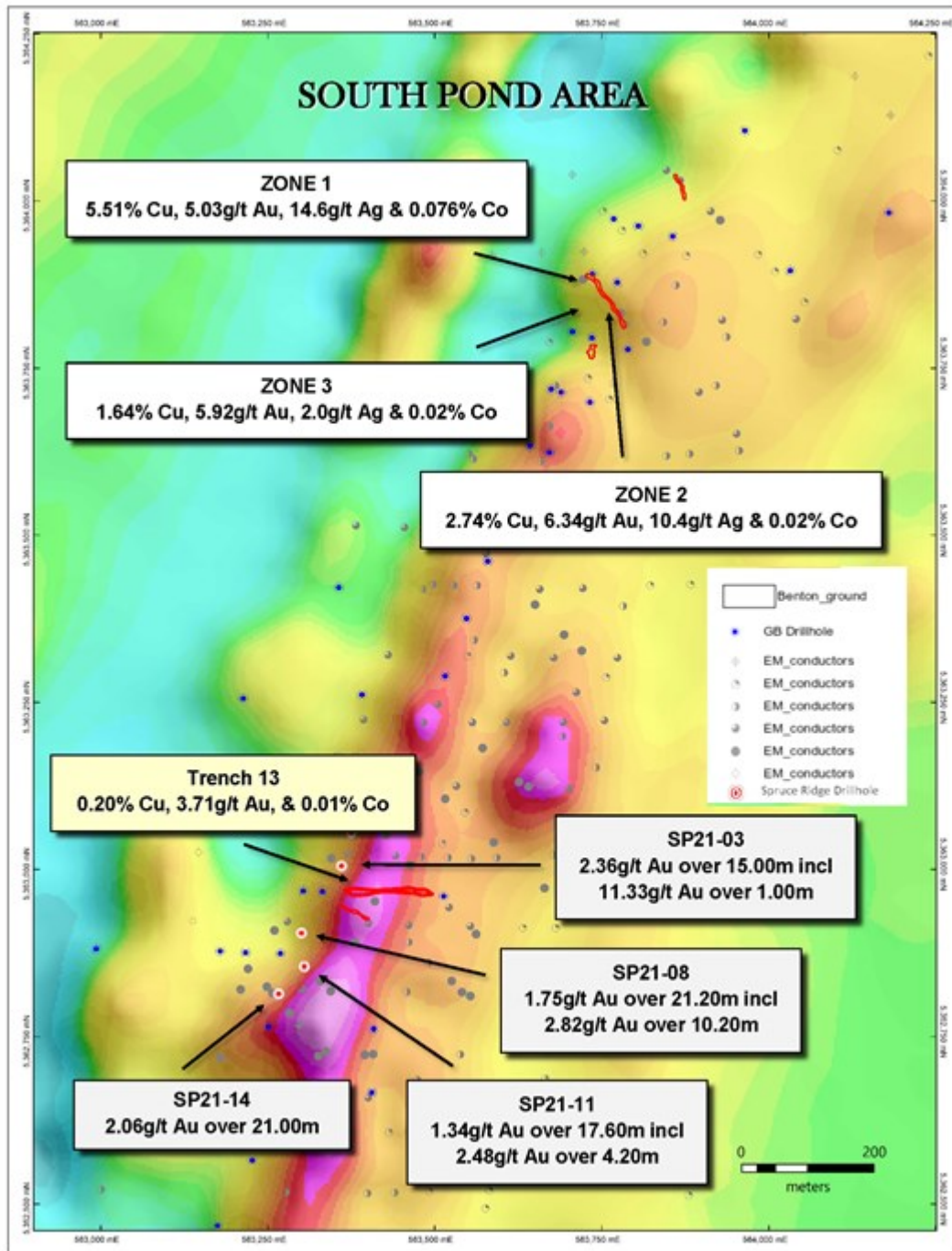


Figure 3: Trench 13 Regional Location Map (Airborne EM background)

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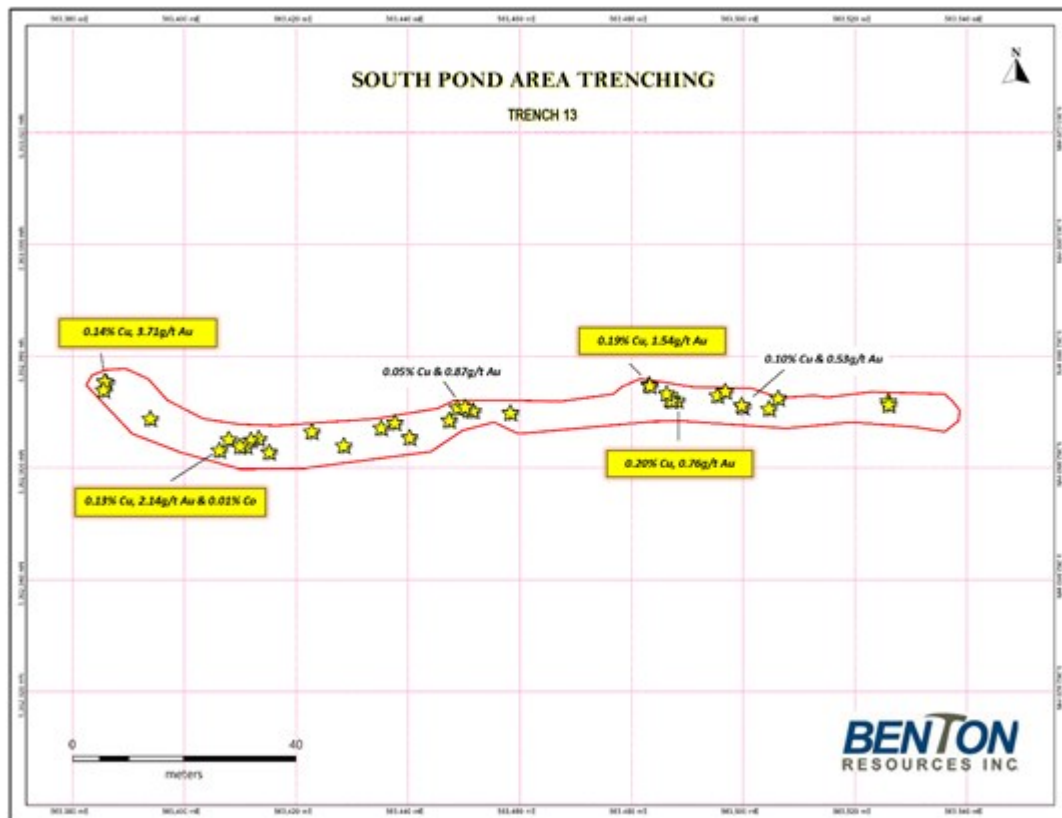


Figure 4: Trench 3 Sample Location Map 2

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In addition, the Company is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with Grove Corporate Services ("Grove") to provide investor relations services to the Company, subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval. Grove will be paid \$6,000 per month for an initial term of six months following which will continue on a monthly basis unless Grove or the Company provides ninety days written notice of termination. To the knowledge of the Company, Grove does not currently hold a position in Benton.

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 35-element package utilizing a 200mg subsample totally dissolved in four acids and analyzed by ICP-OES analytical technique. Overlimits are analysed with Eastern's atomic absorption method, using a 0.200g to 2.00g 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. Following a project generation business model, Benton has a diversified, highly prospective property portfolio of gold, silver, nickel, copper, platinum group elements and, most recently, lithium and cesium assets. In addition, it currently 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.

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

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