

Benton Intersects 21.1 m Massive Sulphide at Great Burnt Main Zone and Cuts 12.3 m Stringer Mineralization in Footwall Zone

Thunder Bay, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - December 17, 2024) - [Benton Resources Inc.](https://www.bentonresources.com) (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has completed a drill hole at the Great Burnt Main Deposit to test a parallel conductor interpreted to be a footwall zone located approximately 150 m to the east of the main deposit. All samples have been submitted to the lab, and assays are pending for this drill hole.

Given the location of the footwall conductor, the Company planned a drill hole GB-24-49 that would also serve as an infill hole within the Main Deposit and continue eastward to intersect the footwall zone. The Main deposit was intersected at 220 m down and cut 21.1 m of semi-massive to massive sulphide of high-grade copper mineralization (Images 1 & 2). The hole continued to a depth of 454 m and at 393 m, it intersected hard silicified mafic volcanics with stringer pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite (Image 3). This assemblage is very similar to the horizon that hosts the Main Deposit. The Company is excited to have confirmed and identified that a parallel, mineralized footwall horizon is present in the system and will further target this horizon in upcoming drilling.

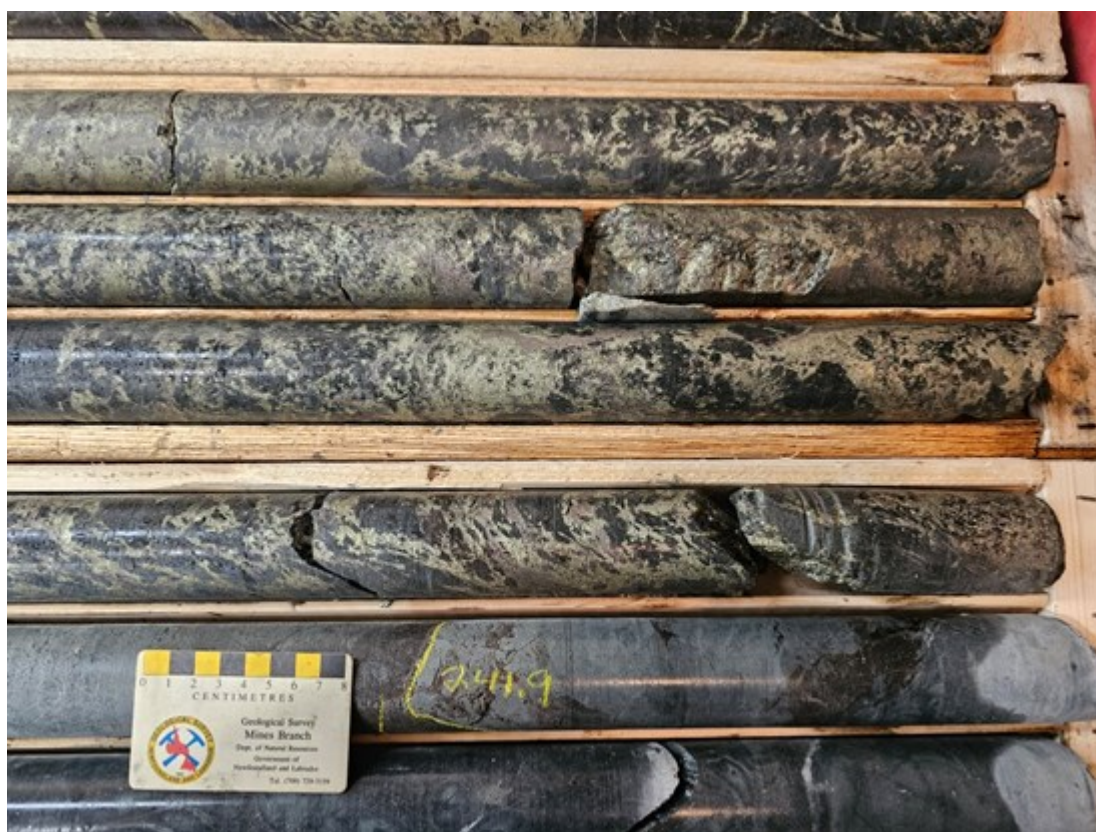


Image 1: Drillhole GB-24-49, Main Zone

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Drilling will pause now for the Christmas Break and resume in mid-January, when it will test numerous other deep and parallel targets, aimed at expansion of the Great Burnt Deposit.



Image 2: Drillhole GB-24-49, Main Zone

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Image 3: Drillhole GB-24-49, Footwall Zone

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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 operator.

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. Phase 1, 2 and 3 drill programs returned impressive results with 25.42 m of 5.51% Cu, including 9.78 m of 8.31% Cu, and 1.00 m of 12.70% 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 results of 74.20 m of 1.43g/t Au and 43.75 m of 1.62g/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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