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Benchmark Drills 1.66 Gold Equivalent Over 186.00 Metres Extending Depth And Continuity Of The Mineralizing System At Cliff Creek South

Edmonton – March 5, 2021 – [Benchmark Metals Inc.](#) (the "Company" or "Benchmark") (TSX-V: BNCH) (OTCQX: BNCHF) (WKN: A2JM2X) – is pleased to announce new results from southern portion of the Cliff Creek deposit area (Cliff Creek South - CCS) where drilling has intersected broad zones of high-grade and bulk-tonnage mineralization including **186.00 metres (m) of 1.34 grams per tonne (g/t) gold and 25.48 g/t silver or 1.66 g/t gold equivalent*** (AuEq), extending mineralization from surface to over 400 vertical metres in depth. Benchmark’s flagship Lawyers Gold-Silver Project is road accessible and located within the Golden Horseshoe area of north-central British Columbia, Canada.

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These latest results from CCS (Table 1 & Figure 1) are among the deepest holes drilled from this subsection of the Cliff Creek Deposit where new and recently reported infill drilling results (see [Nov 6 2020](#) & [Feb 3 2021](#) news releases) continue to confirm continuity. The addition of these results confirms our interpretation that the mineralized envelope significantly expands at depth (**20CCDD067 – 203.63m of 1.01 g/t AuEq**), and also continues to show broad zones of high-grade bulk tonnage (**20CCDD076 – 21.98m of 4.33 g/t AuEq**). To date, results from the 2020 drill program have significantly expanded the CCS area where mineralization now extends from surface to **over 400 vertical metres**, demonstrating the **strong continuity** of the mineralization (Figure 2 & 3). Of the remaining eleven drill holes awaiting results at CCS intersected visual gold/silver mineralization have been logged in three of the drill holes (Figure 2).

John Williamson, CEO, commented, “The CCS zone is repeatedly yielding long intercepts of gold and silver mineralization from surface. The CCS area now measures over +300 metres strike length and at least 400 metres vertical depth. CCS and all main zones remain open for more expansion during the 2021 drill program. Recent results from infill and expansion drilling of the Cliff Creek deposit should enhance gold-silver tonnages and grade in the upcoming 2021 Cliff Creek Resource Estimate. We await deeper drilling results, but visible gold in drill core indicates that the entire Cliff Creek zone is a robust mineralized system measuring +1.2 km strike length and at least 550 m in depth and is still open in all directions.”

Table 1: Drill Results Summary from Cliff Creek South.

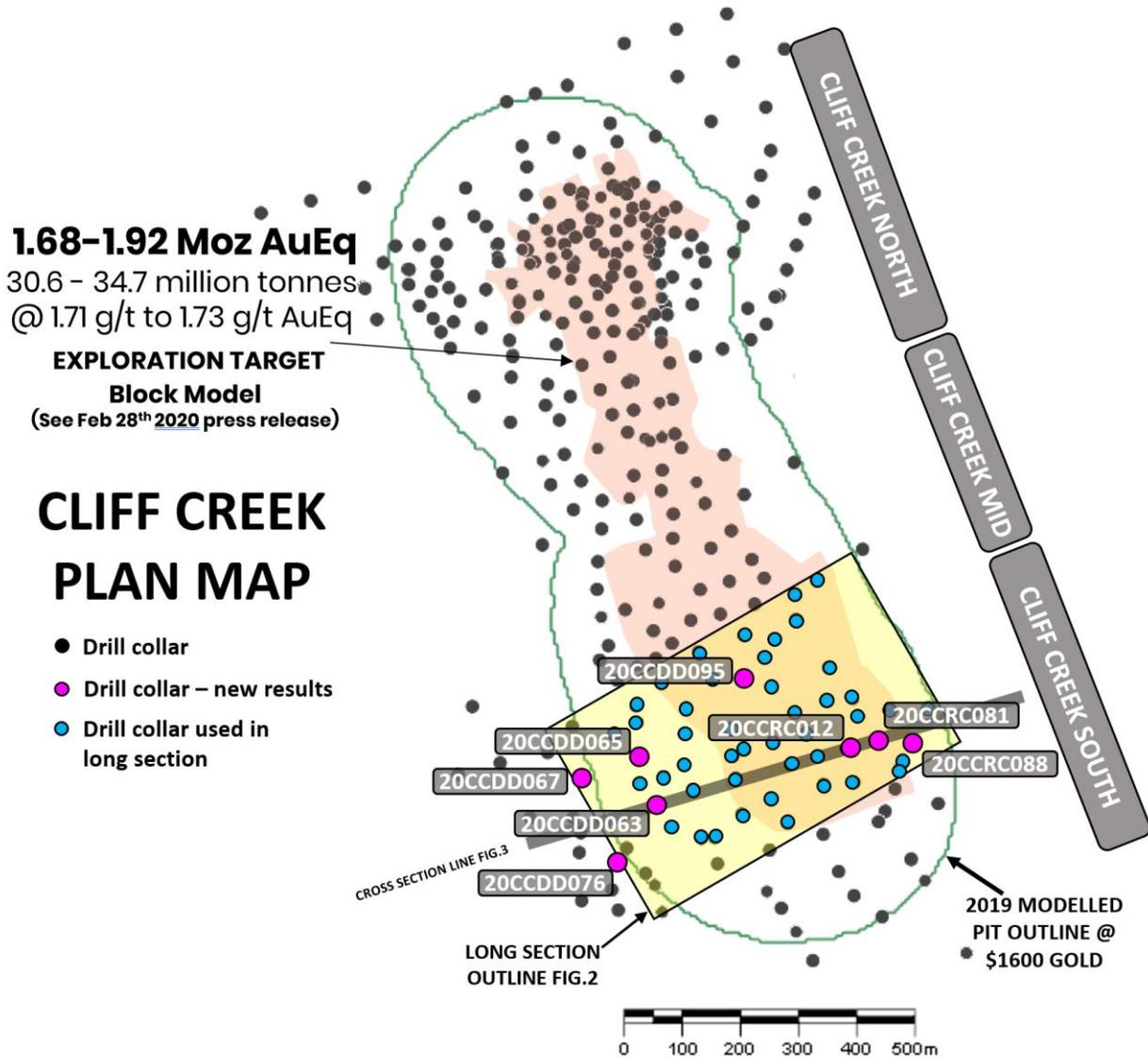
Drillhole		FROM	TO	INTERVAL	Au (ppm)	Ag (ppm)	AuEq (ppm)
		278.00	464.00	186.00	1.34	25.48	1.66
	incl	284.00	298.00	14.00	2.99	139.31	4.73
20CCDD063	incl	288.00	289.00	1.00	5.80	588.00	13.15
	and	294.00	298.00	4.00	5.97	181.00	8.23
	and	308.00	309.00	1.00	7.70	409.00	12.81
	and	443.00	445.00	2.00	56.40	13.38	56.57
20CCDD065		188.00	205.00	17.00	0.45	28.48	0.80
		221.00	222.00	1.00	5.30	31.20	5.69

		285.00	445.00	160.00	0.59	17.20	0.81
	incl	334.00	350.00	16.00	1.05	15.83	1.25
	and	371.00	377.00	6.00	2.12	74.59	3.05
	and	438.00	441.00	3.00	5.75	109.87	7.12
		331.00	534.63	203.63	0.77	19.51	1.01
20CCDD067	incl	474.00	480.00	6.00	7.06	64.98	7.87
	and	530.73	532.17	1.44	15.65	387.73	20.50
		13.50	25.50	12.00	0.91	10.14	1.04
20CCDD076		539.02	561.00	21.98	3.15	94.83	4.33
	incl	550.00	552.00	2.00	26.65	831.00	37.03
	incl	551.00	552.00	1.00	45.90	1415.00	63.59
		27.00	28.00	1.00	2.92	180.00	5.17
		64.95	222.34	157.39	0.50	8.37	0.60
20CCDD095	incl	64.95	81.26	16.31	1.33	22.35	1.60
	incl	80.85	81.26	0.41	35.90	196.00	38.35
	and	149.11	153.00	3.89	3.19	99.29	4.43
	and	197.14	222.34	25.20	1.01	4.05	1.06
20CCRC081		32.00	79.25	47.25	0.57	5.50	0.64
	incl	32.00	51.82	19.82	0.90	10.85	1.03
20CCRC088		3.05	25.91	22.86	0.35	1.81	0.37
20CCRC012		71.63	74.68	3.05	1.08	8.99	1.19
		91.44	108.20	16.76	0.99	18.71	1.22

* Gold equivalent (AuEq) calculated using 80:1 silver to gold ratio.

** Intervals are core-length. True width is estimated between 80 to 90% of core length.

Figure 1 – Cliff Creek South Drillhole Collars and Map



The tonnes, grade and ounces presented are an Exploration Target, and are conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource. The target has not been evaluated for reasonable prospects for future economic extraction as metallurgical work and drilling are planned and ongoing.

Figure 2 – Cliff Creek South long section

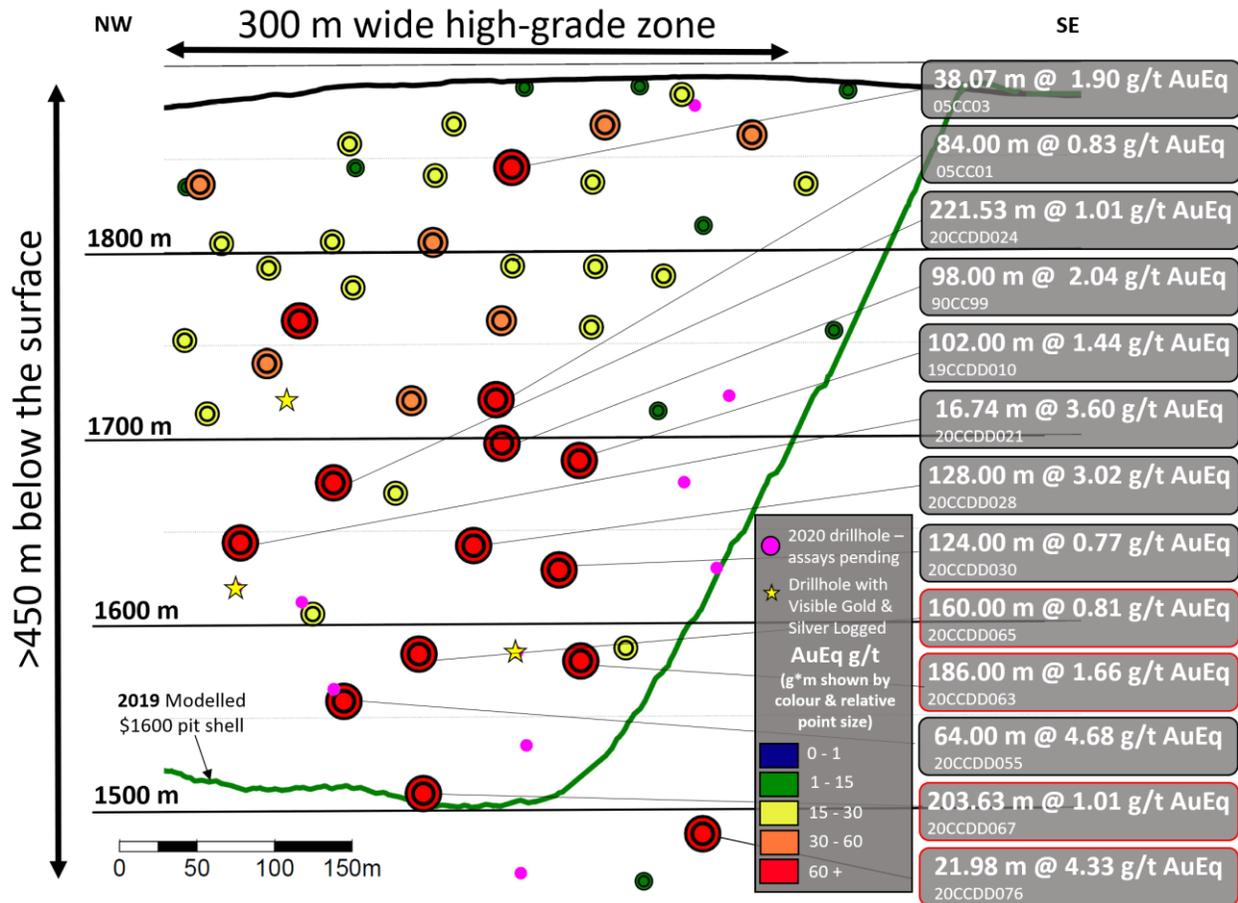
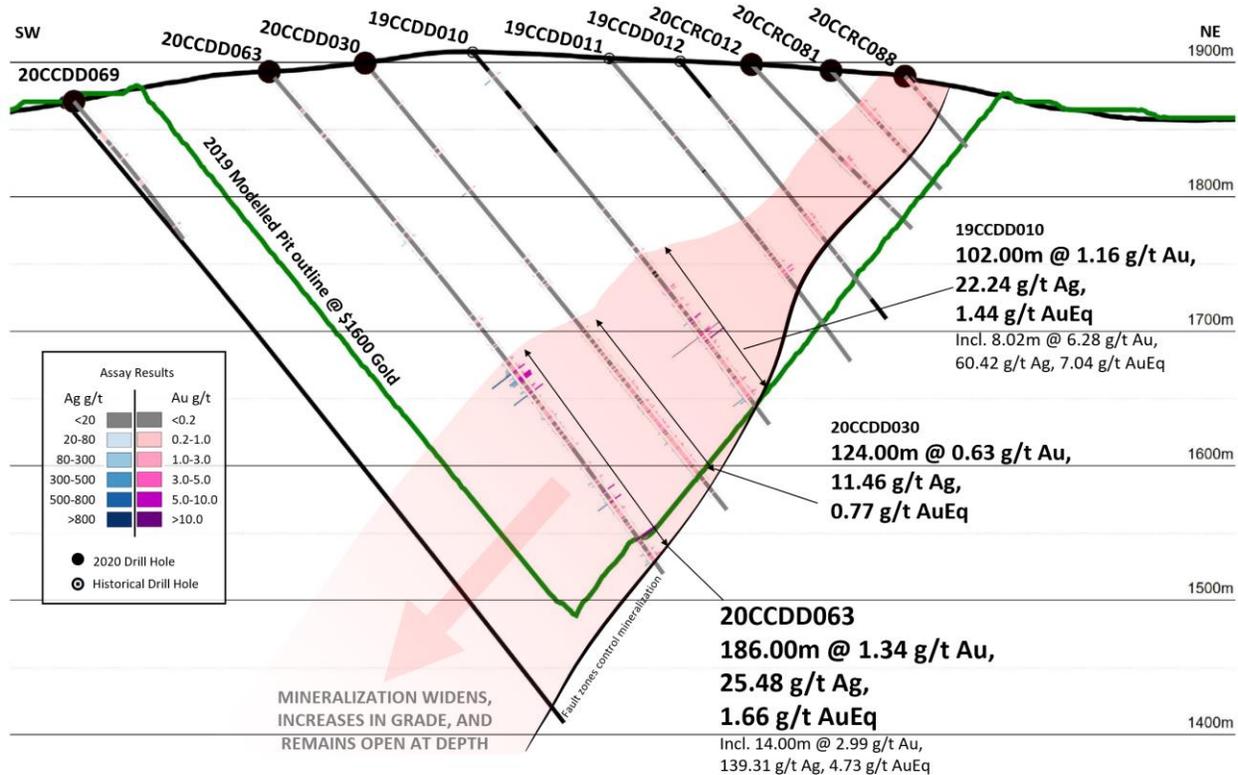


Figure 3 – Cliff Creek South cross section



Quality Assurance and Control

Results from samples were analyzed at ALS Global Laboratories (Geochemistry Division) in Vancouver, Canada (an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited facility). The sampling program was undertaken by Company personnel under the direction of Rob L'Heureux, P.Geol. A secure chain of custody is maintained in transporting and storing of all samples. Gold was assayed using a fire assay with atomic emission spectrometry and gravimetric finish when required (+10 g/t Au). Analysis by four acid digestion with 48 element ICP-MS analysis was conducted on all samples with silver and base metal over-limits being re-analyzed by atomic absorption or emission spectrometry. Rock chip samples from outcrop/bedrock are selective by nature and may not be representative of the mineralization hosted on the project.

The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and approved by Michael Dufresne, M.Sc, P.Geol., P.Geol., a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

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