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NEWS RELEASE

BEAR CREEK'S SANTA ANA DRILLING EXPANDS SILVER MINERALIZATION; HIGH-GRADE STRUCTURES ENCOUNTERED; POSITIVE SILVER RECOVERY FROM COLUMN LEACH TESTING

Vancouver, B.C. - Bear Creek Mining (TSX Venture: BCM) ("Bear Creek" or the "Company") is pleased to announce results from seventeen additional diamond drill holes (3,602 meters). Drilling at Santa Ana now totals 12,802 meters in eighty-two drill holes. Santa Ana is located 200 kilometers south of the Company's world class Corani silver-base metal deposit in southeastern Peru. Highlights of this press release include:

- **Drill hole SA-39A intersects 120m @ 54 g/t Ag, including 10m @ 325 g/t Ag + 3.1% Zn; indicating higher temperatures and potential source to the south where mineralization remains open**
- **Drill hole SA-35 intersects 244m @ 30 g/t Ag, including 24m @ 85 g/t Ag.**
- **Drill hole SA-35A intersects 40m @ 182 g/t Ag, including 4m @ 1532 g/t Ag.**
- **Drill hole SA-37A intersects 152m @ 46 g/t Ag, including 8m @ 141 g/t Ag, 24m @ 114 g/t Ag and 4m @ 96 g/t Ag.**
- **Drill hole SA-38A intersects 182m @ 30 g/t Ag, including 8m @ 165 g/t Ag.**
- **Drilling under thin soil cover continues to intersect mineralization, including higher-grade structures**
- **Mineralized footprint extends 1.3 km by 750 meters and remains open to the north, south and west where both soil and rock sampling grids are being expanded.**

Andrew Swarthout, President and CEO of Bear Creek, states "We are extremely pleased that drilling in "blind" covered areas where the deposit remains open continues to return strongly mineralized intercepts. The long silver intercepts containing higher-grade structures bode well for a low-cost heap leach approach. The source for the mineralization has yet to be identified indicating strong potential for discovering higher grades as the deposit size is increased laterally and at depth. Santa Ana is on track to evolve into a large, low-cost, pure silver deposit."

Drilling results are as follow. All intercepts are down-hole lengths and true widths have not been calculated.

Drill Hole #	Azimuth (degrees)	Inclination (degrees)	Total Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m) DTH	Silver (grams per tonne)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)
SA-33	285	-50	235.3	80	102	22	34.8	0.3	0.6
				126	140	14	34.6	0.2	0.5
				214	228	14	29.1	0.2	0.2
SA-33A	105	-50	252.8	96	136	40	17.4	0.1	0.2
SA-33B	105	-80	130.0	48	60	12	16.0	0.2	0.6
SA-34	100	-60	197.0	0	186	186	27.1	0.3	0.5
SA-35	270	-60	257.2	0	244	244	29.5	0.3	0.5
includes				82	94	12	122.5	1.0	0.9
and				116	140	24	84.9	0.6	1.0
and				188	192	4	90.0	0.1	0.1
SA-35A	90	-60	257.0	44	50	6	35.3	0.2	0.3
				58	68	10	30.8	0.2	0.4
				98	100	2	78.0	0.6	0.6
				130	162	32	36.4	0.2	0.3
				180	220	40	182.1	0.4	0.4
includes				204	208	4	1532.0	2.4	2.4
SA-35B	180	-60	242.0	0	100	100	18.8	0.2	0.5
				138	210	72	37.8	0.2	0.3
includes				184	208	24	65.0	0.3	0.3
SA-36	300	-60	204.9	14	34	20	46.0	0.2	0.3
				52	66	14	39.7	0.5	0.9
				138	188	50	34.2	0.2	0.3
includes				146	158	12	61.5	0.1	0.2
SA 36A	120	-60	210.0	10	190	180	17.6	0.1	0.3
includes				116	130	14	101.6	0.3	0.3
SA-36B	180	-60	194.0	6	186	180	20.3	0.2	0.3
includes				70	124	54	29.4	0.1	0.3
and				154	160	6	144.0	1.3	1.3
SA-37	270	-60	210.5	46	48	2	100.0	0.6	1.5
				66	110	44	32.0	0.2	0.4
includes				100	108	8	72.8	0.3	0.6
SA-37A	90	-70	215.2	42	194	152	45.9	0.4	0.8
includes				56	64	8	140.8	1.3	2.0
and				130	154	24	114.2	0.6	1.3
and				178	182	4	96.0	1.0	1.4

SA 38	270	-60	161.0	60	126	66	51.8	0.3	0.5
includes				78	90	12	138.0	0.6	0.7
SA 38A	90	-60	224.0	34	216	182	30.3	0.3	0.5
includes				180	188	8	164.5	1.3	1.5
SA 38B	135	-60	200	54	78	24	53.8	0.7	1.1
				90	106	16	53.4	1.0	1.8
				114	144	30	90.0	0.9	1.7
SA 39	300	-60	223.0	0	14	14	12.6	0.3	0.3
and				104	164	60	14.0	0.1	0.1
and				196	214	18	17.5	0.1	0.3
SA 39A	120	-60	190	0	120	120	53.4	0.7	1.1
includes				66	72	6	325.0	1.2	3.1
				140	154	14	51.9	0.5	0.3

(Full drill results can be found at www.bearcreekmining.com. To access the silver drill hole map directly please refer to http://www.bearcreekmining.com/i/pdf/Santa_Ana_dh_map.pdf)

These new drill results demonstrate that blind, high-grade structures within large halos of lower grade heap-leach material continue to be intersected at Santa Ana (SA-35 and 37A). Given the intersection of these blind structures under areas of soil cover with no outcrops, grid drilling is now proceeding with 2 rigs simultaneously testing to the north and south of the main silver anomaly.

Data is being assembled that will allow for a resource estimation anticipated by year-end '07. Rock chip and soil grids are being extended to the north (1km) and west (250m) and results will be followed up by drilling as warranted.

Santa Ana Metallurgy

Three column heap leach tests in progress at McClelland labs confirm that the mineralized material responds very well to conventional leaching techniques. Ultimate recoveries of silver on a heap leach are projected to be at least 60% for the conventional crushed heap leaching method and at least 70% for the pulp agglomeration method based on preliminary results that indicate that after 75 days of column leach testing, recoveries are 55% to 58% of the silver from ¾-inch crushed material and 68% using a pulp agglomeration method. The tests are still continuing and silver is still being leached at satisfactory rates. Column leaching will continue until 90 days, or effluent levels decrease to below 1 g/t silver, at which time the columns will be unloaded, screened and assayed, and final recoveries will be determined.

Importantly, several diagnostic shaker leach tests have been performed on samples from the new expanded areas recently discovered by drilling and these mineralized extensions respond similarly to the material used in the column tests; indicating the silver will be leachable throughout the current deposit footprint.

The Company will be initiating a third phase of column testing later in the year to evaluate the new discovery zones and examine optimal crushing versus leach recoveries.

Santa Ana Resource and Engineering

The Company is now preparing an independent resource estimate which will include all the holes drilled to date. The resource estimate is being prepared by Independent Mining Consultants of Tucson, Arizona. The intent is to use this resource estimate to prepare a Preliminary Economic Assessment of the deposit and help guide the Company forward on development plans. At this time the Company will look at a bulk tonnage open pit feeding either a conventional heap leach or a pulp agglomeration heap leach silver mine.

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