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BEAR CREEK ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HIGH-GRADE INTERCEPTS NOT INCLUDED IN CURRENT RESOURCE MODEL, CLOSE-SPACED DRILLING DEMONSTRATES CONTINUITY OF STRUCTURES AT SANTA ANA, PERU

Vancouver, B.C. - Bear Creek Mining (TSX Venture: BCM) (“Bear Creek” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce results for 23 additional diamond drill holes (4,579 meters). Drilling at Santa Ana now totals 34,157 meters in 188 drill holes. Santa Ana is located 200 kilometers south of the Company’s Corani silver-base metal deposit in southeastern Peru. Highlights of this press release include:

- **Drill hole SA-67A intersects 32m @ 101.9 g/t Ag, 0.8% Zn, including 6m @ 318.0 g/t Ag and 1.3% Zn;**
- **Drill hole SA-69A intersects 82m @ 48.8 g/t Ag, including 8m @ 129.5 g/t Ag and 10m @ 93.8 g/t Ag and 1.8% Zn;**
- **Drill hole SA-92 intersects 52m @ 55.1 g/t Ag, including 8m @ 178.0 g/t Ag;**
- **Drill hole SA-93 intersects 122m @ 46.9 g/t Ag, including 12m @ 122.7 g/t Ag and 1.3% Zn;**
- **Drilling on 25 x 50 meter centers demonstrates continuity of mineralization and additional potential for discovery of blind, high-grade ore shoots.**

Andrew Swarthout, President and CEO of Bear Creek, states “The project continues to deliver very positive results as we again increase the area of silver mineralization, particularly to the west, with step out drilling intersecting grades that approximate those of our existing resource (see news release dated 24 January 2008). In-fill drilling continues to show good continuity within the current resource boundaries while intersecting higher-grade pods as predicted from previous work. Considerable drilling is still required prior to a scoping study as the deposit remains open, particularly to the west and southwest. Additionally, we are evaluating the data and designing a deeper drilling program to further explore the bonanza grade feeder structures at depth beneath this large silver system as drilling to date has only explored shallow, open pit potential. A source for mineralization within this well-endowed, newly emerging silver district has yet to be encountered, creating excellent opportunities for developing high-grade targets at depth in addition to expanding the existing resource. ”

New 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-67A	90	-70	151.5	48	80	32	101.9	0.5	0.8		
Includes				50	52	2	159.0	1.2	0.6		
And				56	60	4	163.0	1.5	0.8		
and				74	80	6	318.0	0.5	1.3		
SA-69A	90	-70	150.6	34	116	82	48.8	0.6	0.8		
includes				52	60	8	129.5	2.0	0.6		
And				80	82	2	128.0	1.0	1.2		
and				88	98	10	93.8	0.8	1.8		
SA-82A	270	-60	212.2	68	94	26	31.2	0.2	0.4		
includes				74	78	4	88.0	0.4	0.6		
SA-83	270	-70	317.4	112	142	30	33.8	0.2	0.4		
SA-83A	90	-70	267.3	128	136	8	31.8	0.2	0.3		
SA-84	120	-70	170.2	38	66	28	41.1	0.1	0.3		
				80	84	4	61.5	1.3	3.0		
				102	110	8	30.0	0.4	0.6		
				146	152	6	41.0	0.5	0.4		
SA-85	120	-70	156.1	No significant intervals							
SA-86	120	-70	166.6	8	12	4	43.0	0.6	0.2		
				34	56	22	26.8	0.2	0.2		
				152	154	2	145.0	0.1	0.2		
SA-87	120	-70	170.3	16	18	2	106.0	0.4	0.3		
				78	80	2	103.0	1.4	0.8		
				108	116	8	38.5	0.5	1.0		
				154	164	10	65.0	0.7	0.8		
SA-89	90	-75	223.8	116	130	14	195.4	0.1	0.2		
				136	144	8	227.0	0.3	0.7		
SA-89A	270	-75	113.6	Not sampled- all post-mineral tuff							
SA-90	210	-70	248.2	124	138	14	55.1	0.2	0.5		
SA-90A	30	-70	198.8	38	42	4	38.5	0.1	0.1		
				132	140	8	92.0	0.2	0.4		
SA-92	90	-70	258.0	24	76	52	55.1	0.3	0.4		
Includes				48	56	8	178.0	0.5	0.7		
				98	104	6	236.0	0.4	0.9		
includes				98	100	2	668.0	0.6	1.0		
				136	152	16	46.4	0.2	0.5		
includes				142	144	2	257.0	0.6	1.0		
				164	172	8	32.0	0.3	0.7		
				200	244	44	42.9	0.4	0.5		

Drill Hole #	Azimuth (degrees)	Inclination (degrees)	Total Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m) DTH	Silver (grams per tonne)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)
includes				214	220	6	108.7	1.3	0.9
And				236	238	2	224.0	0.8	1.1
SA-92A	270	-75	176.0	88	96	8	87.2	0.6	1.8
Includes				90	92	2	242.0	1.4	4.9
SA-93	120	-70	244.6	22	144	122	46.9	0.5	0.7
includes				62	92	30	74.0	0.7	0.7
and				122	134	12	122.7	0.7	1.3
				166	174	8	65.2	0.7	0.5
				214	228	14	37.6	0.5	1.1
SA-95	120	-70	200.3	20	42	22	71.1	0.3	0.3
Includes				22	28	6	179.7	0.7	0.5
				110	122	12	130.8	0.5	0.6
Includes				112	116	4	296.0	1.0	0.8
				150	160	10	58.8	0.7	0.4
SA-97	120	-70	172.0	102	132	30	46.5	0.5	0.4
includes				106	110	4	142.0	2.5	0.6
				140	154	14	39.4	0.1	0.2
includes				152	154	2	98.0	0.1	0.1

(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/May7_08SantaAnadmap.pdf)

Another close-spaced drilling fence, 750 meters long, has been added located approximately 250 meters south of the previous drill fence which is 500 meters long. Close-spaced drilling along both lines in the south central part of the current resource area, with the addition of drill holes SA-67A, SA-69A and SA-93, SA-95, continues to demonstrate that drilling on 25 x 50 meter centers will likely:

- convert inferred resources into measured and indicated resources and establish continuity of mineralization,
- convert blocks that were considered to be waste because of lack of drilling on the periphery of the deposit to mineralized material and reduce the stripping ratio,
- intersect additional blind, high-grade ore shoots that wider-spaced drilling will miss, thus improving the project economics.

Step out drilling on the west-central zone (hole SA-92, see table above) successfully demonstrates continuity of mineralization in three flanking, structural zones which were hidden under thin post-mineral cover. Results from holes SA-90 and SA-90A (14m @ 55.1 g/t Ag and 8m @ 92.0 g/t Ag) correspond with a previously reported rock and soil anomaly of 100 g/t Ag located on the SW edge of the post-mineral tuff. These holes are the first to explore the far southwestern edge of the covering tuff and indicate additional potential to the west. The sparse outcrops in these unexplored, western zones require that reconnaissance drilling be completed in order to identify mineralized structures for follow-up drilling.

Drill data from the initial holes in the new zone of mineralization, located 750 meters southwest of the current resource limits, show some encouragement to date with hole SA-91 intersecting 4m @ 83 g/t Ag, corresponding with surface rock-chip samples of >100 g/t Ag. Results from an

additional 3 holes are pending to evaluate this zone of mineralization before further drilling is planned to the south and southwest of the current resource.

New drilling results from the southwestern zone 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-88	120	-60	212.1	No significant intervals							
SA-88A	300	-70	146.3	20	24	4	53.0	0.2	0.3		
SA-91	120	-60	182.4	30	34	4	83.0	0.1	0.2		
SA-94	120	-60	165.4	No significant intervals							
SA-96	120	-60	275.1	No significant intervals							

Base Metals- Intervals of significant lead and zinc continue to be intercepted in numerous drill holes. Preliminary metallurgical testing is in progress to evaluate base metals recoveries by flotation in order to begin evaluating the economic benefit of a lead-zinc circuit to treat higher grade base metal feed. This concept would not affect the current silver leaching concept for the project.

Three drills continue on the property completing close-spaced infill and deposit extension drilling.

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