Empire Mining Commences IP/Resistivity Survey at Demirtepe Copper-Gold-Silver Project, Turkey; Targets New Southwest Zone

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire - Sept. 28, 2011) - Empire Mining Corporation (TSX VENTURE: EPC) ("Empire") is pleased to announce that an IP/resistivity survey has commenced at the newly identified Southwest Zone of the Demirtepe copper-gold-silver and molybdenum project in Turkey, with the aim of identifying the possible location of the source porphyry system that is believed to be the driver for the skarn-hosted mineralization at Demirtepe.

A total of 20 line kilometres is planned to cover an area of 3.5 km2 in nine east-west and one north-south profile each about 2.0 km long. Time-domain dipole-dipole surveying will be used with a six dipole array, with line spacing of 200 metres. A map is available at the following link: http://www.empireminingcorp.com/i/nr/2011-08-28-geochem-IP.pdf

Recent sampling at the Southwest Zone has identified a continuous copper-gold anomaly currently about 1.8 km long and up to 800 metres wide and still open to the southwest; with elevated copper levels in soils broadly coincident with elevated gold. Rock sampling results include 4.68% copper, 5.58 gpt gold and 59.3 gpt silver from wollastonite bearing boulders and 3.2% copper in garnet skarn boulders with copper oxide staining.

The new Southwest Zone is located approx. 1 km to the southwest of the Main Zone where drilling by Empire has encountered significant grades and intervals of copper-gold-silver and molybdenum skarn mineralization, including the discovery hole which intersected 47.53 meters of 2.02% Copper, 0.96 g/t Gold and 21.64 g/t Silver, including 8 meters of 9.1% Copper, 4.68 g/t Gold and 95.3 g/t Silver.

The Southwest Zone is interpreted as having formed the basement below the Demirtepe Main Zone deposit which then became detached. This view is supported by higher temperature signs of epithermal style quartz with chalcopyrite and pyrite. The identification of a basal detachment fault at the bottom of the Main Zone led to the discovery of the Southwest Zone.

The next phase of drilling at Demirtepe will be focused on the Southwest Zone.

Empire's Qualified Person, David C. Cliff, BSc (Hons), MIMMM, C Eng, FGS, also Empire's President & CEO, has reviewed and approved the content of this news release.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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