

# Ridgeline Minerals Trenches Bonanza Grade Copper at the Big Blue Project, NV

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&bull; Includes 0.6 metres grading 15.5% Copper

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Vancouver, June 19, 2023 - [Ridgeline Minerals Corp.](#) (TSXV: RDG) (OTCQB: RDGMF) (FSE: 0GC0) ("Ridgeline" or the "Company") is pleased to announce bonanza grade copper samples returning up to 15.5% from surface trenching at the Big Blue Project, ("Big Blue" or the "Project") a porphyry/skarn copper ("Cu") - gold ("Au") - silver ("Ag") exploration prospect located directly adjacent to Reyna Silver's Medicine Springs CRD discovery in Elko County, Nevada (Figure 1). Ridgeline geologists collected eighteen continuous trench samples at two trench locations and fourteen surface rock chip samples in May 2023. Trench sampling confirmed historically reported mine grades (see February 9, 2023 press release [HERE](#)) at the past producing Delker Mine while wide-spaced reconnaissance rock chip sampling effectively doubled the mineralized footprint of the known system. Highlight results are detailed below.

Chad Peters, Ridgeline's President & CEO commented, "We knew Big Blue was a high-grade copper skarn when we staked it, however, today's trenching results have exceeded expectations. What gets us especially excited is that the bonanza grades at the Delker Mine represent the oxidized skarn portion of a potentially much larger porphyry copper system feeding the entire district; and we suspect that this porphyry lies to the southwest under shallow valley cover on Ridgeline's ground. Our geologists are anxious to begin backpack drilling in June where they will target the projection of high-grade copper mineralization on trend of the Delker Mine, which currently exhibits a mineralized strike of over 1.5 kilometers towards the Skarn Hill adit to the southwest. We are still piecing together the story at Big Blue, and we anticipate additional porphyry and CRD targets to quickly develop as we continue to build out our geologic model and prepare the project for a maiden drill campaign."

## Trench Assay Highlights:

- Trench 1 (Delker Mine): 0.6 metres ("m") grading 15.5% Cu, 0.18 g/t Ag and 0.1% cobalt ("Co") within 2.4 m grading 4.6% Cu, 0.52 g/t Ag and 0.06% Co (Picture 1 & Figure 1)
- ~~Delker Mine high grade trench results are located in the oxidized skarn portion of the Delker Mine adit that lies just below the mineralized Cu horizon in the oxidized zone. This includes sample #16, which returned 15.5% Cu, 0.18 g/t Au, 4.51 g/t Ag and 0.1% Co. This sample was taken from the historical Delker Mine. The thickness of sample intervals is estimated at 90%+ as all samples were taken perpendicular to bedding and lithologic contacts whenever possible (Picture 2)~~

For a full table of Trench sample assays click [HERE](#)

## Rock Chip Highlights:

- Select rock chip samples returned grades up to 10.8% Cu, 0.10 g/t Au, 4.51 g/t Ag (sample #32) and 5.8% Cu, 0.07 g/t Au, 0.63 g/t Ag (sample #21) (Figure 2)
- A total of fourteen rock chip samples were collected in May 2023 ranging from 0.01-10.8% Cu, below detection limit ("BDL") - 0.10 g/t Au and 0.10 - 4.51 g/t Ag (avg. 2.0% Cu, 0.02 g/t Au, 0.59 g/t Ag)

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Figure 1: Plan view map showing high-grade Cu-Ag-Co trench results at the Delker Mine as well as rock chips taken throughout the Delker Mine and Skarn Hill target area

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Figure 2: Plan view map of the Delker Mine area showing high-grade trenches and rock chips (Cu%). Mineralization directly associated with NE trending felsic dike swarm, which will be targeted with Ridgeline operated backpack drilling at up to six permitted drill sites in late Q2 2023

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Picture 1: Photo of VP Exploration Mike Harp pointing at high-grade sample location taken at the face of the historical Delker Mine adit. Sample #11 returned 0.6m grading 15.5% Cu, 0.18 g/t Ag and 0.1% Co

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Picture 2: Delker Mine adit photo showing sample intervals and Cu grades from Trench 1. Note that sample #11 was taken from the roof or "back" located inside of the adit (see inset photo)

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## Big Blue Project

Big Blue is located in Elko County, Nevada, approximately seventy-five kilometers ("km") southeast of the city of Elko, NV. The project includes the past producing Delker Mine, which produced a reported 94,434 pounds of copper at an average grade of 6.2% Cu between 1916-1917 <sup>1</sup> and shares its southern boundary with Reyna Silver's Medicine Springs Ag-Pb-Zn Carbonate Replacement ("CRD") project. Mineralization occurs as high-grade skarn located proximal to northeast trending felsic dikes that are interpreted as bleeding off a potential porphyry source in the valley, which has never been drill-tested. The primary target at Big Blue is porphyry-skarn Cu ± Au-Ag mineralization, which may be the source of distal CRD mineralization at Medicine Springs - analogous to the Butte Valley porphyry Cu-Au system inferred to be a source of CRD mineralization at the Company's nearby Selena project. A large portion of the Project is covered by shallow, post-mineral gravels covering a roughly five (5) km target area resulting in limited surface expression of the porphyry system. The 100% owned Project is comprised of a total of 29 square kilometers of highly prospective exploration ground that has seen limited exploration since the early 1900's and will benefit from the Ridgeline teams systematic approach to discovery (view Ridgeline's Corporate Deck [HERE](#)).

## QAQC Procedures

Samples are submitted to American Assay Laboratories (AAL) of Sparks, Nevada, which is a certified and accredited laboratory, independent of the Company. Samples are prepared using industry-standard prep methods and analysed using FA-PB30-ICP (Au; 30 g fire assay) and ICP-5AM48 (48 element Suite; 0.5 g 5-acid digestion/ICP-MS) methods. AAL also undertakes its own internal coarse and pulp duplicate analysis to ensure proper sample preparation and equipment calibration. Independent check samples are sent to Paragon Geochemical Labs (PAL) of Sparks, Nevada, which is a certified and accredited laboratory, independent of the Company. Ridgeline's QA/QC program includes regular insertion of CRM standards, duplicates, and blanks into the sample stream with a stringent review of all results completed by the Company's Qualified Person, Michael T. Harp, Vice President, Exploration. Technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Michael T. Harp, CPG, the Company's Vice President, Exploration, who is Ridgeline's Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 and

responsible for technical matters of this release.

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#### Sources

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