

Benton's Great Burnt Returns Further High-Grade Intercepts Including 5.03% Cu Over 22.59m in Hole 23-15

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Thunder Bay, January 16, 2024 - [Benton Resources Inc.](#) (TSXV: BEX) ("Benton" or the "Company") announces further excellent assay results from its recently completed drilling at the Great Burnt Copper deposit in south-central Newfoundland. The Company's latest three drill holes continue to confirm that the deposit can deliver high grades over substantial widths within the known historical resource. GB-23-15 and 16 were drilled in a gap within the lower central portion of the known resource area. The two holes were drilled to test between historical holes GB-83 and GB-84 where the highest result returned 7.03% copper over 0.31m and 2.71% over 0.81m (GB-83) and 1.02% copper over 4.12m (GB-84).

Both GB-23-15 and 16 confirm that the high-grade core is continuous through the centre of the resource with the following intersections:

- Hole GB-23-15 cut 5.03% copper over 22.59m including 8.79% over 6.03m;
- Hole GB-23-16 cut 5.80% copper over 13.67m including 13.58% copper over 5.35m.

In addition, GB-23-17 was drilled approximately 50m north of GB-23-15 and intersected moderate grade over three smaller sections. GB-23-18 was up dip on the same section as GB-23-17 and intersected thicker visual copper-rich massive sulphides with assays pending. Please see longitudinal section (Figure 1) Table 1 below. This table includes the most recent assays discussed above and the list of holes for which assays are pending. For previously reported results please visit the Company website at www.bentonresources.ca where all previous press releases are available.

Figure 1

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Table 1

DDH #	Location	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Cu (%)	Ag (g/t)	Co (%)	Zn (%)	Au (g/t)
GB-23-15	Main Deposit	129.03	151.62	22.59	5.03	2.03	0.03	0.26	0.02
	incl	131.03	137.06	6.03	8.79	3.64	0.04	0.51	0.03
	incl	134.25	137.06	2.81	15.39	6.70	0.05	0.98	0.05
	incl	136.00	136.50	0.50	20.00	8.50	0.05	1.43	0.07
GB-23-16	Main Deposit	141.36	155.03	13.67	5.80	2.47	0.02	0.23	0.03
	incl	147.68	153.03	5.35	13.58	6.05	0.05	0.56	0.08
	incl	148.80	151.80	3.00	16.13	7.40	0.04	0.72	0.09
	incl	148.80	149.80	1.00	20.60	8.90	0.05	1.00	0.11
GB-23-17	Main Deposit	174.31	179.24	4.93	0.91	0.84	0.01	0.33	0.02
	incl	174.31	178.24	3.93	1.13	1.05	0.01	0.40	0.03
	incl	177.22	178.24	1.02	4.06	3.85	0.04	1.47	0.10
	and	103.99	106.34	2.35	0.66	1.20	0.01	0.03	0.02
	incl	104.99	105.34	0.35	3.50	7.20	0.02	0.10	0.01
GB-23-18	Main Deposit	150.95	155.33	4.38					
	and	155.33	158.12	2.79					
GB-23-19	Main Deposit	168.09	168.45	0.36					
	and	172.54	173.11	0.57					

GB-23-20 Main Deposit	101.02	103.56	2.54
	and 142.88	144.89	2.01
	and 144.89	146.74	1.85
GB-23-21 Main Deposit	85.43	87.12	1.69
	and 88.03	91.58	3.55
	and 92.42	102.48	10.06
	and 104.20	107.66	3.46
GB-23-22 Main Deposit	85.67	89.13	3.46
	and 92.94	96.16	3.22
	and 102.33	102.92	0.59

Note: Intervals reported for the 2023 drilling are core lengths, estimated to be approximately 95% of true width for holes GB-23-11, 12, 13, 14, 22 and approximately 70% of true width for all remaining holes.

QA/QC Protocols

Core and rock samples, including standards, blanks and duplicates, are submitted to Eastern Analytical Ltd., Springdale, Newfoundland for preparation and analysis. All samples were acquired by saw-cut (channels/drill core) with one-half submitted for assay and one-half retained for reference, or hand (rocks) and delivered, by Benton personnel, in sealed bags, to the Springdale lab of Eastern Analytical, which is an accredited assay lab that conforms to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. Samples are analyzed using Eastern's Au (Fire assay) @ 30g + ICP-34 method that delivers a 35-element package utilizing a 200mg subsample totally dissolved in four acids and analyzed by ICP-OES analytical technique. Overlimits are analysed with Eastern's atomic absorption method, using a 0.200g to 2.00g of sample, digested with three acids. All reported assays are uncut. Eastern Analytical Ltd. achieved ISO 17025 accreditation in February 2014 (for more details on the scope of accreditation visit the CALA website).

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Stephen House (P.Geo.), Vice President of Exploration for [Benton Resources Inc.](#), the 'Qualified Person' under National Instrument 43-101, has approved the scientific and technical disclosure in this news release and prepared or supervised its preparation.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of [Benton Resources Inc.](#),

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