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Brucejack Regional Grass-roots Exploration Drill Results

Vancouver, British Columbia September 21, 2015; Pretium Resources Inc. (TSX/NYSE:PVG) ("Pretivm" or the "Company") is pleased to report initial results from the grass-roots exploration drill program currently underway in the Flow Dome Zone east of the Brucejack Project. High-grade intersections along with long intervals of low-grade mineralization suggest a new stockwork zone or an extension of the Valley of the Kings deposit. The Flow Dome Zone and Kitchenview Zone northeast of the Brucejack Project were identified through extensive regional exploration as potential porphyry/epithermal-style mineralized zones similar to the Valley of the Kings. (*See Table 1 below for assays.*)

Selected drill highlights include:

- Hole SU-657 intersected 21.87 grams of gold per tonne over 9 meters, including 203 grams of gold per tonne over 0.50 meters, 41.20 grams of gold per tonne over 0.50 meters, and 33.50 over 0.59 meters;
- Hole SU-654 intersected 16.9 grams of gold per tonne over 1.50 meters;
- Hole SU-654 also intersected 0.55 grams of gold per tonne over 33 meters;
- Hole SU-658 intersected 6.2 grams of gold per tonne over 2.35 meters, including 10.75 grams of gold per tonne over 1.18 meters; and,
- Hole SU-658 also intersected 0.26 grams of gold per tonne over 90 meters.

The mineralization encountered in hole SU-657 is approximately 650 meters east of the Valley of the Kings, and the mineralization encountered in holes SU-654 and SU-658 are approximately 1,000 meters to the east of the Valley of the Kings. Additional drilling is planned to further delineate this zone to determine if it is a continuation of the Valley of the Kings or a new stockwork zone.

For a plan view of the reported drill results please see below.

The grass-roots exploration drill program will include 10,000 to 15,000 meters of surface drilling, and assay results will continue to be reported as they are received.

Table 1: Selected Grass-roots Exploration Drill Results, September 2015 (SU-654 to VU-658)^(1,2)

Hole No.	Dip/ Azimuth	From (meters)	To (meters)	Interval (meters)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Comments
SU-654	-55 / 0	877.50	879.00	1.50	16.90	44.20	
		879.00	912.00	33.00	0.55	1.55	
		1,102.50	1,123.50	21.00	0.34	31.61	0.24% Zn and anomalous lead
		1,270.50	1,272.00	1.50	3.99	5.90	
SU-655	-50 / 180	556.83	557.53	0.70	0.01	55.90	0.32% Cu
SU-656	-70 / 180	581.50	583.00	1.50	2.00	6.70	2.02% Zn and 0.13% Cu
		979.00	982.00	3.00	3.02	17.70	0.96% Zn and 0.60% Pb
SU-657	-60 / 315	890.24	891.24	1.00	7.40	30.20	
		913.21	932.00	18.79	1.76	40.22	
		932.00	941.00	9.00	21.87	105.42	
	incl	934.17	934.76	0.59	33.50	469.00	
	incl	934.76	935.26	0.50	41.20	527.00	
	incl	937.70	938.20	0.50	203.00	237.00	
	incl	939.50	941.00	1.50	19.30	31.40	
		941.00	1,006.00	65.00	0.29	5.66	
SU-658	-60 / 180	778.65	781.00	2.35	6.20	475.95	
	incl	778.65	779.83	1.18	10.75	861.00	
		781.00	871.00	90.00	0.26	4.86	

⁽¹⁾True thickness to be determined.

⁽²⁾All samples were submitted for preparation and analysis by ALS Chemex at its facilities in Terrace, B.C. All samples were analyzed using multi-digestion with ICP finish and fire assay with AA finish for gold. Samples over 100 ppm silver were reanalyzed using four acid digestion with an ore grade AA finish. Samples over 1,500 ppm silver were fire assayed with a gravimetric finish. Samples with over 10 ppm gold were fire assayed with a gravimetric finish. One in 20 samples was blank, one in 20 was a standard sample, and one in 20 samples had a sample cut from assay rejects assayed as a field duplicate at ALS Chemex in North Vancouver, B.C. Whole core (core not split) is being assayed as part of the underground infill drill program.

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About Pretivm

Pretivm is constructing a high-grade underground mine at its Brucejack Project in northern British Columbia with commercial production targeted for 2017.

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