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FIRST AU AND RIMFIRE COMMENCE THORN DRILLING

First Au Strategies Corp. ("First Au") and Rimfire Minerals Corporation ("Rimfire") are pleased to announce that a diamond drilling program has commenced at the Thorn gold-silver-copper property in the Atlin Mining Division, northwestern British Columbia.

Exploration at the Thorn Property is targeting a high-sulphidation epithermal gold-silver-copper deposit similar to that hosting the El Indio deposit in Chile. Production and reserves at El Indio total 6.2 million ounces of gold (6.6 g/t gold, 50 g/t silver and 4% copper) from over 40 veins ranging from 3 to 10 metres in width.

The Thorn Property hosts 17 mineralized showings of massive enargite-tetrahedrite-tennantite-pyrite mineralization and intense sericite-clay alteration found over a 5 by 5 kilometre area. The majority of these showings are located along a 1500 by 100 metre structural corridor that is thought to be a major control on the mineralizing system. Three previously untested showings are targeted in the current drilling program. One of the targets is the I Zone, where 0.7-1.5 metre sheeted quartz-pyrite-tetrahedrite veins are hosted in a 25 metre zone of intensely altered porphyry. One vein sample assayed 9.3 g/t gold, 760 g/t silver and 0.3% copper over 70 centimetres.

Previous work by Rimfire and First Au has been successful in identifying numerous new high-grade vein showings at the Thorn. This is highlighted by the discovery of the Oban Zone in July of this year when prospecting within a multi-element soil geochemical anomaly discovered a massive sulphide boulder assaying 6149 g/t (179 oz/t) silver, 3.5 g/t gold, 43.0% lead, and 3.5% zinc. The current program will continue to investigate the numerous unexplained geophysical and geochemical targets that exist on the property.

First Au Strategies is funding exploration on the Thorn as part of an option agreement granting First Au the right to earn a 51% interest in the property. First Au must spend \$1.2 million in exploration over three years, and pay Rimfire C\$190,000 and 250,000 shares in staged payments.

On behalf of Rimfire Minerals Corporation

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