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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2000 7:50 AM
To: 'Clive and Julie Aspinall'
Subject: RE: It's good to be back

Yup, from an exploration/interest sense, I noticed a 'change' here in BC last Fall. Large companies set up shop here in Vancouver (e.g. BHP World Expl'n, Billiton, Hudson Bay Expl'n & Dev (Anglo Gold), Phelps Dodge, Northgate, etc.) and/or made their first significant option in BC in years (e.g. Newmont on the RDN, north of Eskay Creek). Even the Thom property will be active this summer - Rimfire Minerals - I hope to visit with Paul Wojdak sometime in late July-early August? Looking forward to seeing you guys sometime. Cheers, Tom.

From: Clive and Julie Aspinall[SMTP:aspinall@yukon.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2000 7:53 PM
To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Re: It's good to be back

1st June 2000
Atlin, BC

Tom,

Thanks for your e-mail. Hope you have had two good years while we were away.

Given problems in many countries out side Canada, the Yukon and BC are bound to start looking good when inventories of copper, gold, lead, zinc dive down to new lows, despite the hi teck boom. I doubt it will be like the pre- 1970s or the 1986s-1990s, but hopefully will be one more great fling for "grandadies" like myself. Consequently we have to get ready now.

Hi to Beryle

Cheers,
Clive and Julie.

----- Original Message -----

From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX <Tom.Schroeter@gems6.gov.bc.ca>
To: 'Clive and Julie Aspinall' <aspinall@yukon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2000 9:33 PM
Subject: RE: It's good to be back

> Welcome back! - to Beautiful BC. Things are picking up here in the expl'n
> field. All we need now is some \$ for the juniors. The BC GSB and the GSC
is
> considering doing an airborne geophysical survey over the Atlin map-sheet
> this summer, as part of their NATMAP project. Keep in touch. Tom.

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> > From: Clive and Julie Aspinall[SMTP:aspinall@yukon.net]
> > Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 5:55 PM

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From: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 1998 11:26 AM
To: Bergen, Wally; Cathro, Mike; Lane, Bob; Schroeter, Tom; Wilton, Paul
Cc: Burchett, Esther; Daniel, Catherine; Ennis, Sandee; Flynn, Doug; Good, Bryan; Graff, Bruce; Hanson, Daryl; Konschuh, Elaine; Malott, Mary Lou; Pardoe, Jill; Price, Bill
Subject: Weekly Report, Oct 21, 1998

Report completed early, will be away from office until Oct. 30.

New showing of massive enargite discovered on Thom Cu-Au-Ag prospect (104K 031) by Kohima Pacific Gold Corp. Discuss/suggest companies for option with Morgan Poliquin.

Phelps Dodge have acquired claims on RGS targets in north-central B.C.

Examine Silver Standard mine workings and waste rock dump with Mines Inspector, Doug Flynn on Oct. 20. Series of quartz veins in finely bedded Bowser sandstone. Low pyrite content in wall rock (less than 1%). Some calcite veinlets. Much less than 1% of rock on dump shows evidence of turning rusty. Ore on the dump amounts to about 2% or less and consists of coarse sulphides within quartz and will weather slowly. Underground, there is local iron hydroxide precipitate. However there is abundant calcite stalactites (in ore zone and wallrock) line the workings and calcite precipitate is present locally as an ice-like skim on water in the drift. Also calcite cave pearls are present. Conclusion: this old mine has no ARD risk.

Visit opal showing south of Decker Lake found by prospectors Dennis and Lois Schaefer of Burns Lake.

New Staking: Trimetals Resources have acquired 80 units about 10 km NW of Endako.

Preparing for Opals talk for Smithers Exploration Group on Nov. 4.

Presentation to 12 students/ mining trainees at Houston Skills centre (a cooperative program with Huckleberry Mine) on Oct 20. Topic: Mines in Northwest B.C. Overview of NWBC Mines Office.

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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2000 10:33 AM
To: 'Caulfield, Dave'
Subject: RE: RE: Date for Next MEG Meeting

Thanks for the update. I've got some "BC" data for Jason to drop off before lunch. Could I pick up the sample then? Tom.

From: David Caulfield[SMTP:davidc@rimfire.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2000 10:28 AM
To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Re: RE: Date for Next MEG Meeting

That is too bad. If you have comments that you wish to convey, please let me know. It is unfortunate that you won't make the Short Course...just doesn't seem right (kinda like missing a member of the family). I had a great trip into the Thom, Eskay, Golden Bear and RDN. Henry has done great work on the Thom. All the core logged and split, HJA found a new showing up slope from the junction of La Jaune and Camp Creek - 2.1 metres wide exposure of massive enargite, tetrahedrite and pyrite with some chalcedonic looking quartz. The zone is wider than that (Henry got tired of digging - woosée). The material should run well as it appears to be the source of the high grade cobbles that Henry selectively sampled last year which the average of three samples was 19% Cu, 7.6 g/t Au and 1285 g/t Ag. Henry made it into the Zone I which visually is much better than described in the old Anaconda reports. At least 40 metres of well altered porphyry is exposed with approx 15-20% veining with QZ-EN-TT - gotta like it. We have also increased the claim package to include the Cirque porphyry and the Outlaw Au-As-Sb geochem anomaly found by Chevron and Prime. By the way, I have cut the Director's special which I will get a piece to you as promised. Do you want it polished???

Your loyal, struggling BC explorationist

david

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- 'Show + Tell' with Caulfield, Aumack + Weber - Sept. 6/00
- HA located new showings
 - possible 'zoning' from enargite - cpx-py to arsenopyrite
 - additional staking completed
 - picked up cut slice of enargite 'float'.
 - preparing to 'shop' around to majors.
 - later-stage gtz. veins (+cpx) => bx, daming of fluids etc.

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From: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2001 11:39 AM
To: Bob Lane; Jacques Houle; Mike Cathro; Terry, David EM:EX; Bergen, Wally EM:EX; Bill Price; Bruce Graff; Bryan Good; Daryl Hanson; Doug Flynn; Elaine Konschuh; Jill Pardoe; Van Zalingen, Sylvia EM:EX; Wesley Kennedy
Cc: Payie, Garry EM:EX; Dave Lefebure; Derek Brown; Duane Anderson; Gib McArthur; Rick Conte; Tom Schroeter
Subject: 3-Week Report; July 13, 20, 27

Property Visits

Bill (94E 092, 140 km SE of Dease Lake)- Rimfire Minerals new project, optioned from Smithers prospector Lorne Warren, was examined with Dave Caulfield. Gold-bearing quartz-arsenopyrite-pyrite stringer veins were drilled by Cominco and Dupont in 1983-84. Highly anomalous Au and As in silt led to discovery, and soil anomalies outlined drill targets. Best intercept was 35 g/t Au over 2 m. Geochem signature is distinctly different from nearby Toodoggone epithermal camp. Structural - stratigraphic setting is a horst of Paleozoic basement, chlorite schist assigned to Asitka Group, lying between two east-west structures parallel to the Pitman fault. Doming of the chlorite schist and a pronounced magnetic low (regional survey by GSC published in 1999) measuring 10 km in diameter, suggest the area is underlain by a Cretaceous intrusion with an extensive carbonate-sericite alteration halo. This may provide a "bigger picture" model for further exploration. Placer Dome is scheduled to examine the prospect in late July.

Thorn (104K 031, high sulfidation enargite-gold prospect north of Golden Bear mine)- visited with Rimfire Minerals personnel in conjunction with appraisal by Richard Gorton for possible option by Newmont. Placer Dome will examine in late July.

RDN (104G 144, epithermal VMS prospect 40 km north of Eskay Creek mine)- reviewed progress of drilling program with project geologists Al Montgomery and Mike Stammers, Newmont representative Richard Gorton and Rimfire principals Dave Caulfield and Henry Awmack. Six holes completed, 3 more planned at time of visit, all target EM conductors. Most significant results are from 4 holes in the Wedge zone at the north end of the property. These intersect rhyolite and lesser dacite interbedded with and overlain by graphitic mudstone, grossly representing the Eskay mineral horizon. Minor amounts of "early" base metals and possible tetrahedrite in the rhyolite are encouraging but core was not assayed yet. The rhyolite is not altered to sericite, as it is intensely at Eskay Creek, but the discovery of (weakly mineralized) rhyolite is a significant advance for the project. Previously, the most felsic rocks known were dacite, as at the Marcasite Gossan zone, and the apparent absence of rhyolite is said to be one reason Homestake did not option RDN. Two other geophysical holes did not test the key stratigraphy, one was entirely in hangingwall basalt and the other in Betty Creek(?) deep footwall strata. One hole is planned in the Boundary zone (south end of the property) and 2 more at the Wedge zone. Surprisingly, no holes were planned in Jungle zone, site of encouraging previous (gold) geochemical and assay results. So far, all holes have been completed, to the credit of the drill contractor. Up to 40 metres of overburden and highly sheared mudstone near the Forrest-Kerr fault had frustrated prior drilling. Above information has not been released.

Eskay Creek exploration program, and some drill core, was reviewed with Ian Dunlop. No change (as yet) arising from the Barrick-Homestake merger, but Homestake staff expect the Vancouver office to close. (The merger had yet to clear a 40-day review by the NYSE so that no major changes are expected until late summer/early fall) Alex Davidson, Barrick exploration VP is scheduled to visit Eskay in mid-August, but changes to the current 3-drill, 16 000 m drill program would appear to be unlikely. Exploration drilling is more broadly dispersed than last year, which focused on the "Deep Adrian" NEX trend down-plunge in the hinge of the Eskay anticline, in search of bedded ore in a second thickening of the Contact Mudstone (without any success). New targets include the the Mackay adit area, felsite bluffs (seeking low grade mill ore to replace nearly depleted 109 zone) and the footwall dacite. The latter target is derived from gradeXthickness contours which show promise for a vein ore zone (analagous to 109 zone) near major structures, such as the Pumphouse fault. One deep stratigraphic hole completed on the PBR property (Pillow Basalt Ridge), north of the Iskut River. The hole penetrated 1419 metres of basalt (!!), with some mudstone interbeds, but was abandoned before reaching the contact mudstone and underlying rhyolite. Drilling was in progress on the West Limb; three 1000-metre holes attempted in 2000 were lost in hangingwall faults. Homestake is completely frustrated by negotiations with Heritage/Uniterre on the SIB claims (on strike south of Eskay with very promising drill intercepts in exhalative mineralization), has given up on reaching agreement and will drill close to the claim boundary, forsaking the risk of enhancing SIB's value. Ian Dunlop will re-map and re-evaluate the Bonsai claims. Bonsai represents a fold repetition of 21B zone stratigraphy west of Eskay Creek and was optioned, drilled and dropped by Homestake about 1994. Discussed Eskay surface geology tour with Ian, to complement mine visit by Larry Diakow (and Tom Schroeter) in mid-September.

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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2002 4:11 PM
To: 'Henry Awmack'
Subject: RE: Thorn timing

Thanks, Henry. As it stands now, Paul and I will be in Atlin from Aug. 13-16; hoping the 14th or 15th would be "OK" for a visit. Will keep in touch. Tom.

-----Original Message-----

From: Henry Awmack [mailto:HenryA@equityeng.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2002 12:32 PM
To: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX; Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Thorn timing

Paul/Tom:

Don't know for sure yet, but I think that the Thorn drill program will run from about August 5-20. I'll keep you posted.

Henry

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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2002 4:15 PM
To: 'DNG'
Cc: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX
Subject: RE: Visit-Aug. 13-15 incl.

Right on, Norm. Looks like Paul Wojdak would prefer our trip to Thorn on the 15th. Could you please put us down for then tentatively and see what we can tee up with Rimfire? Thanks. Tom.

-----Original Message-----

From: DNG [mailto:normg@atlin.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2002 11:33 AM
To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Re: Visit-Aug. 13-15 incl.

Hi Tom

Long time no see. It's time we had some new projects up here. Look forward to seeing you.

norm

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Cc: "Wojdak, Paul EM:EX" <PWojdak@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2002 10:25 AM
Subject: Visit-Aug. 13-15 incl.

> Hi Norm. I just FAXED you a note and to Mitch. I will be hooking up with
> Paul Wojdak and we hope to see Mitch, too. Our priority will be to visit
> the
> THORN project for a day. I have spoken with Henry Awmack regarding the
> timing, so he is 'happy' with this time slot. In order to be cost
> efficient,
> we will have some flexibility i.e. visit on Wed. 14th or Thurs. 15th -
> depends on company's schedule, and of course yours. In any event, could
> you
> book us tentatively for either the 14th or 15th? Thanks.
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From: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 1:33 PM
To: Bergen, Wally EM:EX; Bill Price; Bruce Graff; Daryl Hanson; Doug Flynn; Elaine Konschuh; Gleason, Nancy EM:EX; Jill Pardoe; Van Zalingen, Sylvia EM:EX; Wesley Kennedy; Bob Lane; Jacques Houle; Mike Cathro; Terry, David EM:EX
Cc: Dave Lefebure; Duane Anderson; Gib McArthur; Grant, Brian EM:EX; Guthrie, Shelley EM:EX; Logan, Jim EM:EX; Macintyre, Don EM:EX; Malott, Mary Lou SRM:EX; Mihalynuk, Mitch EM:EX; Nelson, JoAnne EM:EX; Rick Conte; Tom Schroeter
Subject: NW Geology to Oct 18, 2002

Del Norte - Teuton Resources completed 4 holes from one site on a new showing in the Stewart area. Three holes from a second site were all lost in a fault zone. Teuton used a Stewart-based "drill contractor" with inadequate equipment and personnel. The mineralized intercept from the first hole was laid out in the MEM parking - 31 metres (est 10 m true thickness) of vuggy quartz-adularia(?) vein breccia containing coarse sphalerite and galena. Assayed 3.56 g/t Au, 148 g/t Ag. (Dino Cremonese says silver grade will be revised upward because of assayer's reporting error.) Vein is associated with a sericitized granodiorite(?) emplaced into pyritic black mudstone. Pyrite in the mudstone appears diagenetic or syngenetic and is the basis of an Eskay Creek comparison.

Kinross Gold Corp. - will provide up to \$500,000 for Heritage Explorations drill program in the Eskay Creek area for up to a 5% interest in the property. Appears to be in addition to \$1.1 million already budgeted. Drilling program believed to be nearly done.

Thorn (104K 031) - Drilling is progressing well on this gold-silver prospect north of Golden Bear, in terms of geologic encouragement and cooperative late-season weather. Two holes tested an area of sheeted quartz-pyrite-tetrahedrite veins in argillized quartz-biotite porphyry. One hole has been completed on Oban zone, where high silver-gold-base metal float mineralization was found earlier this year. Two short holes are in progress on the Tamdhu zone. One more hole may be drilled, budget permitting.

Tommy Jack (94D 034) - International Kodiak Resources, a private company, has optioned this intrusion-related gold prospect from Lorne Warren.

Turnagain - Canadian Metals Exploration reports large IP anomalies on its ultramafic nickel property east of Dease Lake, and plans to begin drilling immediately.

Northwest Exploration summary - Compiling work done and results.

Paul

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From: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2002 10:22 AM
To: Bergen, Wally EM:EX; Bill Price; Bruce Graff; Daryl Hanson; Doug Flynn; Elaine Konschuh; Gleason, Nancy EM:EX; Jill Pardoe; Van Zalingen, Sylvia EM:EX; Wesley Kennedy; Bob Lane; Jacques Houle; Mike Cathro; Terry, David EM:EX
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Subject: Northwest Geology, Nov 1 2002

Thom (104K 031) - First Au Strategies and Equity Engineering finished drilling program with no weather problems; Tamdhu, Oban and I zones tested by total of 7 holes.

Josh BX (104B 291) - Goldrea Resources Corp and Parkside Resources encountered difficult drilling (broken ground) and terminated their drilling program (6 km SE of Snip) after 9 holes recovered only 198 metres of core. Additional claims were staked to increase the property to 172 units thereby adding several other vein, porphyry and skarn showings to their property (104B 023, 290, 364, 368). Mineralization is related to the early Jurassic Lehto stock (correlative with nearby Red Bluff stock at Bronson Slope and Snip) intrusive into Stuhini Grp volcanic and sedimentary rocks.

Snip North (104B 312) & Phiz (104B 165) - Provide Newcastle Minerals (Adam Travis) with geologic report, including drill logs for 25 holes on Phiz (104B 165) 5 km west of Snip mine. Drilling was done in hectic flow-through era (Feb 1991), were used in a prospectus by Crest Resources (copy in Smithers expl files) but not filed for assessment and hence lost from the public record. Travis proposes to file for assessment credit on 97 holes (9565 m), also missing from the public record, that were drilled in 1988-89 on Snip North (formerly Meridor ground) 4 km north of Snip, across Iskut River. (Thanks to Alan Wilcox on clarifying rules) A group led by Ron Netolitzky has acquired claims and is working up exploration targets.

Eric Silver Sleeper - Claims south of Houston optioned by Northair Group from prospectors Ed and Gerry Westgarde and Barry Hofsink. Trenching and drilling program proposed (thanks Bruce!). Tetrahedrite, with high silver values, is exposed on a logging road and was explored 10 years ago by Equity Silver Mines as the Eric property.

North Coast LRMP - Respond to Prince Rupert reporter's inquiry about Ecstall pluton, featured in LRMP newsletter.

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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 10:16 AM
To: 'Henry Awmack'
Cc: David Caulfield; robert_archer@telus.net
Subject: RE: Thorn - Oban Zone

I'm (more than) convinced - congratulations! Hope the assays reflect the 'enthusiasm'.
P.S. Letter of nomination re- Huestis award? Cheers,

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Cc: David Caulfield; robert_archer@telus.net
Subject: Re: Thorn - Oban Zone

Tom,
Don't know about drill results yet, and won't for another week, but surface results show it to be significant. The only sample we have results for is a float boulder of massive sulphide/sulphosalts sampled in June. It assayed 43.0% Pb, 16.1% Sb, 3.5% Zn, 1.1% As, 6149 g/t Ag and 3.48 g/t Au. I originally thought it was galena-tetrahedrite, but the "tetrahedrite" must actually be boulangerite or some other Pb-Sb sulphosalt. We'll do a polished section on it and others when we get results back. We found another boulder of massive sulphide/sulphosalts but the majority seems to be a finely banded stockwork formed by matrix infill of a breccia. The breccia is a heterolithic pipe, maybe 250-300m in diameter, most of whose clasts are variants of the FP-BI-QZ porphyry in which it is hosted. Some other clasts of interest are: 1) fine-grained rhyolite (similar to dykes that cut through the breccia pipe), (2) massive pyrite clasts, some with fine banding similar to the matrix infill; (3) one with a quartz veinlet. Clasts and matrix are pervasively sericitized and pyritized (pyrite percentages vary from clast to clast). So the brecciation post-dates some mineralization and dyking and pre-dates others. Not all of the breccia is mineralized - in places the matrix is rock flour with a few percent pyrite. We don't know the controls on the mineralization (eg. contact with unbrecciated porphyry? cross-cutting structure?) or its extent (at least a few metres, maybe tens of metres?). Drilling intersected good widths of breccia with pyrite-rich matrix - sulphides are extremely fine-grained and I wouldn't be surprised if there are other sulphides with the pyrite.)

We should have drill results published before the NWMA. I'll attach some pix of the breccia on surface, in galena/sulphosalt stockworked boulder and in core.

Cheers, Henry

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>>> "Schroeter, Tom EM:EX" <Tom.Schroeter@gems6.gov.bc.ca> 11/08/02 08:07AM >>>
Gentlemen, I'm in the process of preparing the annual "2002 Exploration Review" and would like to include under "New Discoveries" the Oban Zone (only if your drilling results 'confirm' such). I realize you haven't released any results from the Thorn drilling program yet, so I appreciate the sensitivity of this request. The reality is that if I don't have the info within the next couple of weeks, then I can't use in my NWMA presentation (no big deal, anyway). Cheers.

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Subject: Rimfire and Cangold Commence Thorn Drilling

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Re: News Archive - Thursday, September 25, 2003
Rimfire and Cangold Commence Thorn Drilling
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Vancouver, BC -- September 25, 2003: Rimfire Minerals Corporation and CANGOLD LIMITED are pleased to announce the commencement of a diamond drilling program at the Thorn silver-gold-copper project in northwestern British Columbia. The primary target is a 100 metre x 300 metre, high-grade soil geochemical anomaly recently defined within the center of the Oban Breccia.

To date, exploration at the Thorn has focused on a 1.5 km long structural corridor that is the host to 17 mineralized zones, including the Oban Breccia. Prior to the discovery of the Oban, work was directed at high sulphidation epithermal veining consisting of high grade gold, silver and copper hosted within quartz-sulphide-sulphosalt veins. The dynamic nature of the Thorn mineralizing system was highlighted by the discovery of breccia-hosted high grade silver-gold-lead-zinc mineralization at the Oban in 2002. A massive sulphide boulder assaying 6,149 g/t (179 oz/ton) silver, 3.5 g/t (0.1 oz/ton) gold and 43% lead was traced upslope to mineralized breccia in outcrop that is now known to lie near the edge of the soil anomaly. Approximately 600 metres of drilling will be completed in five to eight holes to test this target.

CANGOLD and Rimfire are in the second year of a three-year option agreement whereby CANGOLD can earn a 51% interest in the Thorn by funding minimum exploration expenditures of \$1.2 million dollars. CANGOLD must also issue 250,000 shares to Rimfire and pay \$190,000 in staged cash payments. Rimfire, as project operator, is responsible for program design and execution, including Quality Control/Quality Assurance measures.

On behalf of Rimfire Minerals Corporation

"Henry Awmack"

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On behalf CANGOLD LIMITED

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From: CANGOLD Limited [info@cangold.ca]
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To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Drilling Confirms Bulk-Tonnage Silver-Gold Discovery at Thorn Project, BC

Re: News Release - Wednesday, November 12, 2003
Drilling Confirms Bulk-Tonnage Silver-Gold Discovery at Thorn Project, BC

Vancouver, BC -- November 12, 2003: Rimfire Minerals Corporation and CANGOLD LIMITED are pleased to release the results from the remaining holes of the 2003 drilling program at the Thorn property, northwest British Columbia. The wide silver-gold zone discovered in hole THN03-19 (released October 27, 2003, PR03-12), has been confirmed and expanded along strike and down dip by four additional holes.

The program consisted of eight holes, totaling 874.5 m (2869 feet), designed to test the core of a very strong, 100 metre x 300 metre multi-element soil geochemical anomaly adjacent to a few small mineralized outcrops. As seen in drill core, the mineralization occurs as a core of higher grade material, roughly 20-25 metres wide within a lower grade envelope, which appears to have an overall width of about 60 metres and dips 65-75° to the southwest.

The mineralized zone was intersected 20 and 95 metres down dip of THN03-19 in holes THN03-21 and 22, respectively. THN03-21 was drilled at --45° to the northeast, cutting 40.7 metres of 118.8 g/t Ag and 0.83 g/t Au, including 25.2 metres of 173.1 g/t Ag and 1.2 g/t Au. THN03-22 was a vertical hole drilled from the same location, intersecting an initial 30.6 metres of lower grade material prior to cutting 110.1 g/t Ag and 0.68 g/t Au over the final 77.8 metres of the hole. This zone includes two higher grade intersections separated by a 21 metre lower grade interval. The upper interval assayed 159.4 g/t Ag and 0.84 g/t Au over 19.6 metres, while the lower zone assayed 264.9 g/t Ag and 1.72 g/t Au over 7.1 metres. Hole TH03-20 was drilled from the same collar location as TH03-19 but in the opposite direction. It appears to have skirted the edge of the mineralized zone in a down-dip direction, intersecting 53.3 metres of 65.6 g/t Ag and 0.31 g/t Au.

Hole THN03-23 was collared 25 metres northwest of holes THN03-21 and 22 to test the strike extension in this direction. The continuity of the zone was confirmed by cutting 62.1 metres of 69.2 g/t Ag and 0.32 g/t Au including an 11.1 metre zone of 206.1 g/t Ag and 0.34 g/t Au. Holes THN03-16 (collared 85 metres north of THN03-23) and THN03-17, -18 (collared 170 metres northwest of THN03-23) intersected weakly mineralized zones with elevated silver, gold, lead and zinc.

Significant Intersections:

Table with 9 columns: Hole, From (m), To (m), Width (m), Gold (g/t), Silver (g/t), Silver Equiv. (g/t)*, Lead (%), Zinc (%). Rows include THN03-191 including and THN03-20 including.

THN03-21	4.8	45.5	40.7	0.83	118.8	176.6	0.9	1.0
including	20.3	45.5	25.2	1.20	173.1	257.2	1.5	1.5
THN03-22	9.6	40.2	30.6	0.16	61.6	72.7	0.1	0.3
and2	60.9	138.7	77.8	0.68	110.1	158.1	0.6	1.7
including	74.0	93.6	19.6	0.83	159.4	217.9	0.6	1.3
and	114.6	121.7	7.1	1.72	264.9	385.4	2.2	4.0
THN03-23	13.9	76.0	62.1	0.32	69.2	91.7	0.2	0.6
including	18.0	29.1	11.1	0.34	206.1	229.5	0.5	0.2

*a ratio of 70 g/t silver = 1 g/t gold was used
in the equivalence calculations
1 previously announced
2 hole ended in mineralization

Mineralization is hosted by a heterolithic breccia with a matrix consisting of black rock flour and ~5% pyrite with lesser sphalerite and boulangerite (lead-antimony sulphosalt). Higher grade silver-gold-lead-zinc mineralization is typically associated with zones of increased (~15%) sulphide/sulphosalt content, commonly forming rims on breccia fragments.

Hole Collar Locations:

Hole	Easting(m)	Northing(m)	Azimuth	Dip	Length(m)
THN03-16	628741	6492014	050°	-45°	143.3
THN03-17	628673	6492069	210°	-45°	123.4
THN03-18	628675	6492073	050°	-45°	137.2
THN03-19	628799	6491939	050°	-45°	79.2
THN03-20	628793	6491935	230°	-50°	79.2
THN03-21	628775	6491913	230°	-45°	73.2
THN03-22	628775	6491913	n/a	-90°	138.7
THN03-23	628756	6491933	050°	-45°	100.3
					874.5

With these results the Oban Breccia is developing into a significant bulk-tonnage silver-gold-lead-zinc target that remains open at depth and on strike to the northwest and southeast. While gold and silver grades are remarkably consistent in the drill results, the bonanza silver grades collected in float and outcrop samples imply that additional zones of high grade mineralization have yet to be discovered.

Mr. David Caulfield, P.Geo., President of Rimfire Minerals Corporation states: "The Oban discovery has now been confirmed at depth and along strike to the northwest. Drilling further to northwest has not explained the strongly anomalous silver and gold values found in soils, nor the high grades obtained from rock sampling in that region. To the southeast we have very little data as glacial till blankets all outcrop and renders soil sampling ineffective. There is great potential to further expand the Oban Breccia Zone in both these directions."

Mark Baknes, M.Sc., P.Geo., is the Qualified Person for the project, as defined by NI 43-101. All samples were analyzed by ALS/Chemex Labs, of North Vancouver, BC. Equity Engineering Ltd. provided geological expertise, and Falcon Diamond Drilling Ltd. provided diamond drilling services. Cross-sections and a plan map of drill hole locations will be available at www.rimfireminerals.com and www.cangold.ca.

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agreement whereby Cangold can earn a 51% interest in the Thoru by conducting \$1.2 million in exploration over the period and by making staged cash and share payments.

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IP Survey Enhances Oban Zone & Outlines Additional Targets At
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PR04-13 - Vancouver, BC -- June 29, 2004: Rimfire Minerals Corporation and CANGOLD LIMITED are pleased to announce that an Induced Polarization (IP) geophysical survey at the Thorn Property has delineated the Oban Zone and revealed new targets on the Oban and South grids. The Thorn Property is located in the Atlin Mining Division of northwest British Columbia and hosts an extensive system of silver-gold-copper-lead-zinc mineralization.

"The size and intensity of the anomalies defined to date has led us to revise the strategy for follow-up diamond drilling", said David Caulfield, P. Geo., President of Rimfire. "The IP survey has been very successful in defining the Oban Zone and its apparent extension, leading us to consider deeper and more widely spaced diamond drill holes within the Oban Breccia. Due to the success of the survey in defining new targets, the IP program has been expanded and drilling delayed until additional surveying has been completed. Unfortunately, fieldwork has been temporarily suspended due to a forest fire on the property. Surveying will resume once crews can safely return to site and drilling is now expected to start in late summer."

Mr. Bob Archer, P. Geo., President of Cangold Limited stated: "With the excellent correlation between the IP and known mineralization, we have not only defined and enlarged the existing target at the Oban Breccia, but we have increased our confidence in testing new anomalies. This provides us with an excellent tool to find new mineralization in covered areas where we have little or no geological or geochemical data."

Technical Data

The IP survey was initiated over the Oban Breccia, at the east end of the 1.5 kilometre long Camp Creek Structural Corridor. Drilling at the end of 2003 resulted in the discovery of a 40-60 metre wide zone of silver-gold mineralization within the Oban Breccia typified by Hole THN03-21 which intersected 40.7 m of 118.8 g/t silver and 0.83 g/t gold; this larger zone in THN03-21 is cored by 25.2 m of 173.0 g/t silver, 1.20 g/t gold, 1.5 % lead and 1.5 % zinc. The IP at the Oban has delineated a well-defined, strong chargeability high (20-47 mV/V) and resistivity low (<300 ohm-m) directly over known mineralization and shows it to continue along strike for at least 300 metres under cover and to depth. A similar anomaly remains open at the edge of the grid, approximately 150 metres to the southeast. This anomaly is interpreted to be a faulted extension of the Oban Zone. Exploration focused on the Oban Zone in 2003 after the discovery of high grade mineralization including 6,149 g/t silver in float and 1,983 g/t silver in outcrop the previous year. Drilling has yet to intersect mineralization of this tenor, but the apparent extension of the Oban Zone as identified in the IP survey outlines a large target area for drill testing.

Immediately to the southwest, on the 'South Grid', a strong chargeability high 200-400m wide and at least 600m long has been

detected in an area with no outcrop. At its peak, this anomaly exhibits chargeability values of the same order of magnitude (values up to 52 mV/V) as those at the Oban Zone, suggesting the presence of strong sulphide mineralization. Just to the north, a more discrete chargeability high/resistivity low lines up with the strike projection of surface mineralization at the B Zone. This zone is characterized by quartz breccia with up to 15% combined pyrite, enargite and tetrahedrite, and can be traced for 300 metres along strike in float and outcrop. A float sample of this material returned 21.5 g/t gold, 2,990 g/t silver and 14.2% copper. Previous drilling at the B Zone has returned 3.6 g/t gold and 44 g/t silver across 5.5 metres.

A plan map of the proposed and surveyed IP grid, as well as selected IP pseudosections will be available at www.rimfireminerals.com, or www.cangold.ca.

Mark Baknes, M.Sc., P.Geo., is the Qualified Person for the project, as defined by NI 43-101 and Equity Engineering Ltd. provides geological expertise.

Rimfire and Cangold are in the final year of a three-year option agreement whereby Cangold can earn a 51% interest in the Thorn by conducting a total of \$1.2 million in exploration over the period and by making staged cash and share payments.

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Fieldwork Resumes at Thorn Property
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PR04-16 - Vancouver, BC -- August 4, 2004: Rimfire Minerals Corporation and CANGOLD LIMITED are pleased to announce that fieldwork has resumed at the Thorn Property, northwestern BC. The Induced Polarization (IP) survey that was postponed in June due to a forest fire has been expanded to refine new targets for drill testing in September. The surveying that was completed in June identified two chargeability anomalies in areas of no known outcrop and delineated the apparent continuation of Oban Breccia mineralization (see release PR04-13, June 29, 2004).

"Our field crews completed approximately half of the proposed survey prior to postponing work due to the fire. Now that it is safe for them to return, we will focus on completing the rest of the survey and increasing the coverage in the new target areas to aid in definition of targets for the September drill program", states Bob Archer, President of Cangold.

The two areas where the program has been expanded include the Oban Breccia Extension and C Zone (South Grid) anomalies. The Oban Breccia Extension has a very similar geophysical signature to that of known silver-gold-lead-zinc mineralization at the Oban, characterized by coincident chargeability high and resistivity low anomalies. The Oban Extension anomaly, interpreted to be a faulted continuation of the Oban, remains open at the eastern edge of the survey grid. Additional survey lines have been added to determine the extent of the anomaly.

The C Zone anomaly is a compelling target extending over three survey lines (600 metres) and with a 200-400 metre width, approximately 750 metres south of the Oban. This anomaly has similar high-chargeability values to the Oban and Oban Extension anomalies, reaching peak values of 52 mV/V. Infill survey lines will refine the C Zone anomaly for drillhole targeting.

The remaining survey area includes the North Grid, where numerous EM conductors and a large resistivity low anomaly were identified in an airborne geophysical survey in 2000. Based on data obtained elsewhere on the property, this geophysical signature is interpreted to reflect buried sulphide mineralization within the intensely altered Thorn Stock.

"We want to finish all of the IP surveying before we start drilling", states David Caulfield, President of Rimfire Minerals. "Our first program this year showed us that there is tremendous potential to identify significant new targets like the C Zone anomaly. While we will definitely continue to explore the Oban Breccia Zone by drilling, we want to make sure we take all the additional targets into consideration for testing as well."

IP geophysical surveying is expected to be completed by late August, with diamond drilling commencing in early September.

Rimfire and Cangold are in the final year of a three-year option

agreement whereby Cangold can earn a 51% interest in the Thorn by conducting a total of \$1.2 million in exploration over the period and by making staged cash and share payments. The 143.5 sq. km Thorn Property is located in the Atlin Mining Division in northwest British Columbia, 130 km south of Atlin.

On behalf of Rimfire Minerals Corporation

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Diamond Drilling Commences at Thorn Project, BC
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Vancouver, BC -- September 27, 2004: CANGOLD LIMITED and Rimfire Minerals Corporation are pleased to announce that crews have been mobilized to the Thorn property in the Atlin Mining Division of northwest British Columbia to commence a 13-hole (approximately 1,875 metres) diamond drilling program.

Initially, drilling will target silver-gold mineralization discovered in 2003 at the Oban Breccia Zone, testing the zone at depth and along strike. Subsequent holes will test the continuity of high-grade gold-silver-copper mineralization in massive sulphide veins along the 1.5 kilometre-long Camp Creek Structural Corridor, as well as three new targets outside of this corridor that were defined by IP geophysical anomalies. In total, drilling will assess eight separate areas.

Recent fieldwork on the property saw the completion of an Induced Polarization (IP) survey that identified a significant correlation between IP geophysics and known silver-gold mineralization and outlined several new targets in areas of no outcrop. The Oban Extension anomaly, the 700m X 250m South Grid Anomaly and 700m X 150m North Grid anomaly do not have outcrop associated with them, but their geophysical signature is interpreted to reflect the presence of buried sulphide mineralization.

"This will be an exciting program as our work to date at the Thorn Project has indicated the presence of a large mineralizing system with local bonanza gold and silver grades," stated Mr. Robert Archer, P.Ge., President of Cangold Limited. "We now have an excellent opportunity to enhance the grade and extent of Oban Breccia mineralization and to test some compelling new targets."

Mark Baknes, P.Ge., is the Qualified Person for the project, as defined by NI 43-101. Equity Engineering Ltd. provides geological expertise, and Falcon Diamond Drilling Ltd. is providing diamond drilling services. Samples are analysed by Chemex Labs of North Vancouver, BC.

Cangold has now completed its earn-in for a 51% interest in the Thorn Project, with Rimfire Minerals owning 49%. Cangold is the joint venture operator.

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PR04-19, Vancouver, BC -- September 30, 2004: Further to Cangold Limited's news release dated September 24, 2004, Henry Awmack, Chairman of Rimfire Minerals Corporation reports that Rimfire has received written confirmation from the underlying vendors that Rimfire has fulfilled its vesting requirements and has earned a 100% interest in the Thorn Property subject to a 3.5% Net Smelter Return (NSR), of which 2% can be purchased for \$3 million. This allows the formation of a joint venture between Cangold and Rimfire whereby Cangold and Rimfire will hold interests in the property of 51% and 49% respectively.

Cangold recently acquired its 51% interest in the Thorn Property from Rimfire through the exercise of an option held under an agreement dated March 31, 2002. In fulfillment of this agreement Cangold funded \$1.2 million in exploration expenditures, paid Rimfire \$190,000 cash and issued 250,000 shares to Rimfire.

Cangold, as the joint-venture operator, has mobilized crews to commence a 13 hole diamond drilling program (see Rimfire news release PR04-18, *~ 2000m* September 27, 2004) to test eight separate target areas at the Thorn. Targets include high grade silver and gold mineralization discovered in drilling in 2003, high grade gold-silver-copper veins, and three new targets defined by IP geophysical anomalies.

Rimfire is an aggressive, well-financed mineral exploration company with a portfolio of highly prospective gold and silver properties in British Columbia and Alaska. Partners include AngloGold (U.S.A.) Exploration Inc., Newmont Mining Company, Northgate Minerals Corporation, Cangold Limited and Serengeti Resources Inc.

On behalf of Rimfire Minerals Corporation

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New Surface Discovery; Drilling Completed At Thorn Property
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Vancouver, BC -- November 18, 2004: Cangold Limited and Rimfire Minerals Corporation are pleased to announce the discovery of a barite-quartz boulder that assayed 265g/t (7.7oz/t) gold and 631g/t (18.4oz/t) silver and the successful completion of the diamond drilling program on the Thorn property in the Atlin Mining Division of northwest British Columbia.

Prospecting immediately north of the North Grid has resulted in the discovery of a barite-quartz-sulphide boulder with visible gold that assayed 265g/t gold and 631g/t silver. The source of the boulder is as yet unknown but the discovery is located approximately 2000 metres north of the Camp Creek Structural Corridor in a portion of the property that has not seen any previous work. The boulder is described as being angular with a minimum dimension of 35 cm and therefore has likely not traveled far from source. Additional results from the surface program are being compiled and will be released in due course.

"This prospecting discovery has not only returned the highest gold grades seen to date on the Thorn Property, but it represents another new style of mineralization in an entirely new area and is testament to the size and intensity of the mineralizing system here," states Bob Archer, President of Cangold. "As the Thorn Property now comprises more than 143 square kilometres, this discovery underscores the importance of following up on reconnaissance-scale anomalies, as they have repeatedly led to new mineralization and enhance the potential of the property to host a significant deposit."

The diamond drill program consisted of a total of 1,810.44 metres of BTW core drilling in 12 holes, testing 8 different target areas. Four holes targeted silver-gold mineralization discovered in 2003 at the Oban Breccia Zone, testing the zone at depth and along strike. Three holes targeted the continuity of high-grade gold-silver-copper mineralization in massive sulphide veins along the 1.5 kilometre-long Camp Creek Structural Corridor, and five holes targeted new Induced Polarization (IP) geophysical anomalies outside of these areas. Results of the drilling will be released once all assays have been received and compiled by the Companies.

The Thorn Project is a 51:49 joint venture between Cangold and Rimfire, respectively, with Cangold as the operator. Robert Brown, P.Eng, is the Qualified Person for the project, as defined by NI 43-101. Equity Engineering Ltd. provides geological and project management expertise, and Falcon Diamond Drilling Ltd. provided diamond drilling services. Samples are being analyzed by ALS Chemex Labs of North Vancouver, BC.

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Vancouver, BC - August 24, 2005: Cangold Limited and Rimfire Minerals Corporation are pleased to announce the results from fieldwork and drilling at the Thorn Property in the Atlin Mining Division of northwest British Columbia. The 2005 program consisted of reconnaissance scale mapping, rock sampling and prospecting, contour soil and silt sampling, Induced Polarization (IP) geophysical surveys and diamond drilling to test geophysical targets.

Highlights of the program include drilling at the Talisker Zone, which has now been extended over a strike length of at least 200 metres with intercepts in both 2005 step out holes. This includes THN05-37 which cut 4.2 metres of 4.44g/t gold, 407.9g/t silver, and 2.95% copper, 100 metres east-northeast of the 2004 Talisker hole. Drilling at the Cutty Sark anomaly intersected the first occurrences of lithologically controlled alteration on the property.

The 143.5 sq. km Thorn Property is located 130 km south of the town of Atlin, in northwest British Columbia. Cangold and Rimfire were attracted to the property by its large and dynamic mineralizing system and its strength and extent of alteration. To date, mineralization has been identified over an 8 square kilometre area. The Thorn Project is a 51:49 joint venture between Cangold and Rimfire, respectively, with Cangold as the Operator.

Technical Summary

Geological mapping and rock sampling during 2005 focused on the margins of the Thorn Stock and the overlying Windy Table Formation volcanic units as recent age dating of these rocks revealed that they may be affected by mineralizing events at the Thorn. Numerous weakly gossanous and siliceous zones were found within a 2 by 4 kilometre area, and stratigraphically above the high sulphidation vein zones in the Thorn Stock. These zones form resistant "ribs" up to 15m across, consisting of quartz with up to 2% pyrite and minor barite. Geochemical analyses show the "ribs" to be anomalous in gold, silver, arsenic, and antimony.

PIMA analysis of samples from altered and/or mineralized Windy Table Fm. indicated illite, kaolinite and smectite, all lower temperature clay alteration minerals found in the distal portions of epithermal deposits. PIMA analyses from the Balvenie and Talisker Zones, found dickite, natroalunite, pyrophyllite and diaspore, a suite of higher temperature alteration minerals typically associated with precious metal mineralization within a high sulfidation system.

These findings are important in generating targets with the greatest potential for significant mineralization within this extensive area. The potential of this region of northwestern British Columbia to host large high sulphidation gold-silver-copper deposits has prompted increased exploration activity in the area, including the Kizmet Joint Venture (Barrick Gold Corporation and Rimfire Minerals) which comprises approximately 960 sq. km of claim holdings completely surrounding the Thorn Property.

IP Geophysics

IP geophysical surveying proved to be an effective tool for targeting buried sulphide mineralization in 2004 and was continued in 2005. Scott

Geophysics completed 17.4 kilometres of IP survey both north of, and parallel to, the 2004 North Grid survey. In particular, the 2005 IP helped to further outline and define the Talisker Zone, and located two new anomalies further north: the Balvenie and Cutty Sark Zones. The Balvenie and Talisker zones are defined as coincident resistivity low-chargeability high features, a signature consistent with the high sulphidation veins discovered to date on the project; whereas, the Cutty Sark is defined as a chargeability high and higher resistivity anomaly. These anomalies extend 350 to 600 metres in strike length.

Diamond Drilling

Diamond drilling, contracted to Driftwood Drilling of Smithers, B.C., comprised 655.8 metres in 5 holes and tested targets outlined in the initial geological and geophysical phase of the 2005 exploration program (see table below). The first two holes (THN05-36 & 37) tested the continuity of the Talisker Zone mineralization, while two holes (THN05-38 & 39) tested the new IP target at the Cutty Sark Zone and one hole (THN05-40) tested the far eastern extent of the Balvenie Zone.

THN05-37 intersected the Talisker Zone 100m along strike to the east-northeast of THN04-29 (56.1 metres of 1.27 g/t Au, 16.7 g/t Ag, & 0.19% Cu, including 4.48 g/t Au, 65.3 g/t Ag, & 0.65% Cu over 3.6 metres). A high grade section assayed 4.44g/t gold, 407.9g/t silver, and 2.95% copper over 4.20 metres, within a larger mineralized zone of 43.93 metres. Mineralization consists of veins and disseminations of pyrite, enargite, sulphosalts, and lesser chalcopyrite within clay, sericite and silica altered Thorn stock. Numerous mineralized zones were intersected throughout the length of the hole and are detailed in the table below.

THN05-36 intersected the Talisker zone 100 metres along strike to the west-southwest of THN04-29. The zone that is interpreted to correlate with the higher grade intersections of THN04-29 and THN05-37 returned 4.49g/t gold, 91.7g/t silver, and 1.29% copper over 0.37 metres. A deeper zone assayed 1.25g/t gold, 77.3g/t silver, and 2.90% copper over 0.76 metres, indicating the Talisker may split into two zones to the southwest.

Drill holes THN05-38 and 39 targeted the Cutty Sark Zone. These holes, drilled 200 metres apart, intersected thick sections of highly silicified and brecciated Windy Table Formation tuffs, welded tuffs and sediments, all cut by late stage rhyolite dykes. Both holes bottomed in intense silicification at depths of 124.05 and 97.54 metres, respectively. Sections of the silicification are accompanied by 2% disseminated and vein pyrite, rare enargite and tetrahedrite and are weakly anomalous in gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc. This represents lithologically controlled alteration within volcanic rocks overlying the Thorn Stock, the first noted on the Thorn property. Previously recognized alteration and mineralization has been interpreted as being structurally controlled, primarily within the Thorn Stock.

THN05-40 is the first drill hole to test the Balvenie Zone, another vein system parallel to the Talisker Zone and veins in the Camp Creek Structural Corridor. The Balvenie Zone outcrops as a set of silicified spires with associated intense alteration and pyrite-tetrahedrite-enargite mineralization, and is detected by the IP survey 500 metres to the WNW where it was tested by hole THN05-40. The hole intersected disseminations and veinlets of pyrite, enargite, tetrahedrite, and minor chalcopyrite and pyrargyrite. The best mineralized section assayed 0.23g/t gold, 170.0g/t silver, and 8.64% copper over 1.0 metre.

2005 Thorn Project Drill Hole Highlights

Hole #	Target	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t) Eq.**
THN05-36	Talisker	52.10	52.47	0.37	4.49	91.7	1.29	8.4
		110.85	111.61	0.76	1.25	77.3	2.90	8.1
THN05-37	Talisker	3.05*	8.23	5.18	1.53	1.3	<0.01	1.6
		44.33	88.26	43.93	0.76	48.9	0.36	2.2
including		47.33	51.53	4.20	4.44	407.9	2.95	16.5
		106.96	113.79	6.83	0.48	17.4	0.13	1.0
		142.89	148.43	5.54	0.49	19.6	0.15	1.0
THN05-40	Balvenie	82.40	83.40	1.00	0.23	170.0	8.64	19.8

Talisker Zone intersections are near to true width, the Balvenie 0.10 metres in true width

* hole collared in mineralization

**gold equivalent calculated using US\$420/oz gold, US\$6.50/oz silver, US\$1.20/lb copper

All samples were analyzed at ALS Chemex and are subject to a rigorous QA/QC program. Robert F. Brown, P. Eng., is the Qualified Person for the project, as defined by NI 43-101. Equity Engineering Ltd. provides geological expertise.

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→ Kizmet

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→ Thorn

Vancouver, BC * November 24, 2006: David Caulfield, President and CEO of Rimfire Minerals Corporation announces that, as of November 22, Barrick Gold Corporation has ~~terminated its option to~~ earn a 65% interest in the Kizmet Joint Venture in northwest British Columbia. Rimfire regains a 100% interest in the 340 square kilometre land package that comprises the Kizmet Project. Barrick retains a 1% Net Smelter Royalty which Rimfire can purchase for US\$1 million.

"Rimfire values the relationship we have built with Barrick. We have partnered three times with Barrick and we look forward to our next opportunity to work together," stated David Caulfield, President and CEO of Rimfire.

The Kizmet Project surrounds the Thorn Property, a joint venture between Rimfire and Cangold Limited, where recent work has identified an extensive high sulphidation epithermal gold mineralizing system. Regional studies have shown the Cretaceous-aged igneous rocks known to host mineralization at the Thorn Property to be the central portion of a belt of prospective rocks in excess of 50 kilometres long.

Reconnaissance silt and soil geochemistry, mapping and prospecting was completed by Rimfire on four target areas within the Kizmet Project in 2004 followed by a C\$500,000 prospecting, mapping and regional stream sediment sampling program by Barrick in 2005. This work identified several areas that warrant follow-up exploration such as the South King Salmon Lake area, where three grab samples of chalcendonic quartz vein breccia assayed: 13.35 g/t gold and 324 g/t silver; 0.88 g/t gold and 1255 g/t silver; and 0.54 g/t gold and 1225 g/t silver. Barrick conducted clay mineral alteration studies in the vicinity of this mineralization and outlined a 2.0 by 0.5 kilometre area of increased hydrothermal activity defined by a kaolinite-diKite-pyrophyllite clay assemblage. A number of stream sediment geochemical anomalies remain to be investigated and require further exploration.

Management will review the Kizmet data to prioritize targets for follow-up. In keeping with the Company's business model, Rimfire will seek a partner to advance the Kizmet Project. The Qualified Person for the project, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, is David Caulfield, P.Geo.

About Rimfire

Rimfire Minerals Corporation is an aggressive, well-financed mineral exploration company with a portfolio of highly prospective gold and silver properties in western North America. Rimfire is partnered with Newmont Mining Company, Northgate Minerals Corporation, Fronteer Development Group, Cangold Limited, American Creek Resources Ltd. and Arcus Development Group Inc.

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