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Re: News Release - Wednesday, April 27, 2005
Southern Rio Acquires Blackwater-Davidson Gold-Silver Property

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Southern Rio Resources Ltd. ("Southern Rio" or the "Company") announces that it has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with West Range Exploration Ltd. ("West Range") whereby the Company may acquire a 100% interest, subject to a 2% net smelter return royalty, in 28 contiguous cell claims totaling approximately 500 hectares covering the former Blackwater-Davidson gold-silver property in central British Columbia.

The property is situated in the Nechako Plateau region approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, and is accessible by secondary logging roads. Previous work by several parties since the late 1970s includes 31 diamond drillholes and 34 rotary drillholes, which defined a substantial gold-silver system over an area of about 1000 x 700 metres. Of particular interest is high grade structurally controlled gold mineralisation identified in several prior drill holes which may define a zone of higher grade shear hosted-veins. Selected high-grade results from prior drilling include:

Hole DAV-11

Drill Depth (m)	Intercept (m)	Gold	Silver
62.3 - 68.6	6.3	14.28 g/t	26.7 g/t
Including:	3.6	21.71 g/t	34.0 g/t
	1.3	48.3 g/t	19.5 g/t

Hole DAV-9

Drill Depth (m)	Intercept (m)	Gold	Silver
91.41 - 92.93	1.52	16.33 g/t	3.5 g/t

Approximately 500 metres to the northwest of the above gold mineralisation there occurs a separate low-grade silver zone. This zone is interpreted as a shallow, flat-lying body up to 70 metres thick, and remains open in several directions, with average grades in the range of 25 to 40 g/t silver.

The Company may acquire the 100% interest for cash payments totaling \$40,000 (CDN) and the issuance of 500,000 shares of the Company. The claims being acquired are contiguous with the surrounding 100% owned Whitewater property recently staked on behalf of the Company. Prior to the acquisition of the Blackwater- Davidson claims, the Company strategically staked the 19 unit (350 hectares) Whitewater property contiguous with the ground acquired from West Range, giving Southern Rio a dominant landholding in this area.

The acquisition of the Blackwater-Davidson property is a significant addition to the Company's portfolio, and in combination with the 3Ts project located approximately 20 kilometres to the southwest, reinforces its primary focus on the exploration for gold-silver deposits in the Nechako region of Central BC.

This agreement is subject to acceptance by the TSX-Venture Exchange.