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## NORTHPOINT RESOURCES LTD. [NPR-V] 5,003,920 SHS.

ASSAY VARIANCES TO BE FURTHER TESTED - Frank Gigliotti, president,

Northpoint Resources Ltd., reports the completion of the first phase drill program on its <u>WP property near Hedley, southwest BC</u>. Northpoint can earn a 100% interest by paying \$300,000, issuing 500,000 shares and pending \$1,200,000 on exploration over three years, subject to a 2% NSR with a buyout provision. Ten holes were completed on coincident ground geophysical targets, gold soil anomalies and favourable geology.

Holes No.1 and No.2, which yielded core recoveries of 78% and 89% respectively. At least one of these holes will have to be redrilled to reconcile unexplained variations between fire assay results from core sample sand from sludge samples.

Drill core from the two holes revealed pervasive silica flooding including abundant quartz veining, quartz breccia and fine-grained to sometimes massive sulphide mineralization in altered sediments, all

hosted within a northwest trending fault zone.

Fire assay results from Chemex Labs Ltd. revealed trace to anomalous gold values in holes No.1 and No.2. However, sludge samples from these same 2 holes returned high silver values ranging from 3.0 to 26 oz/tonne in heavily faulted ground. The assay values from sludge samples in hole No.1 included: 10 feet grading 26 oz. silver/tonne and 0.2% copper; 30 feet averaging 7.7 oz. silver/tonne; and 20 feet grading 12.8 oz. silver/tonne. This hole was drilled at -45°. Hole No.2, which was drilled from the same setup at -70°, returned a sludge sample intercept of 10 oz. silver/tonne over 10 feet with 0.1% copper. The silver values appear to be associated with the mineral tetrahedrite, an important ore of copper and sometimes silver.

The company's consulting geologists are reconciling the somewhat unusual differences between fire assays from the core samples and those returned from the sludge samples. Further check samples are planned and the deepening of hole No.1 will be a priority in any follow-up drill program. Additional assay results are expected in the next week from hole No.4 which yielded core recoveries of 85.5% and contained fine-grained, disseminated pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite. The company's project geologist confirms hole No.4 contains skarn alteration, an environment hosting the gold values at the nearby Nickel Plate mine.

The results from hole No.4 are expected to give the company a much better understanding of the geology and mineralogy in the target and might help explain the variations between the core and sludge samples assays in holes No.1 and No.2. (SEE GCNL NO.162. 22Aug97, P.4 FOR PREVIOUS WP PROJECT INFORMATION)

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