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Strike Length of R-8 Doubled on 1200 Meter Level

VANCOUVER, B.C. - Newhawk Gold Mines Ltd. (TSE: NHG) reports that further assay results from drifting on R-8 at the Sulphurets property, have more than doubled the previously announced strike length of the structure. The underground exploration program has now established a strike length at the 1200 meter level of 271 feet with an average grade of 1.283 oz/ton gold and 15.37 oz/ton silver across an average exposed width of 8.8 feet.

The R-8 structure has also been exposed by crosscutting on the 1200 and 1150 meter levels and raising from the 1150 meter through to the 1250 meter level. Underground diamond drilling on R-8 to closely define reserves as well as drilling several step out holes is now in progress. Intersections received to date (as reported below) have encountered greater than expected widths particularly in the upper portion of the zone. Holes reported from Sections 199+60N through 200+10N are fill in drilling. Holes from Section 200+20N are step out drilling.

The Sulphurets property in northwestern British Columbia is under exploration by Newhawk, the operator (60%) and Granduc Mines Ltd (40%).

Section	Hole No	Dip	From (feet)	To (feet)	Core Length (feet)	Gold oz/ton	Silver oz/ton
199+60N	U-89-366	+50°	93.8	105.3	11.5	.713	44.42
199+70N	U-89-370	+66°	92.7	110.9	18.2	.362	7.28
	U-89-371	+30°	73.9	81.3	7.4	.235	4.40
199+80N	U-89-376	+78°	73.5	125.0	51.5	.412	15.69
			including		14.8	1.251	16.53
	U-89-377	+42°	51.4	79.5	28.1	.486	11.12
199+90N	U-89-382	+90°	62.0	128.7	66.7	.435	4.02
			including		9.8	1.598	3.34
	U-89-383	+70°	65.9	78.0	12.1	.200	7.70
200+00N	U-89-388	+80°	59.4	70.0	10.6	.600	19.62
	U-89-390	+50°	37.9	42.8	4.9	.486	.54
			including		21.1	1.041	12.83
	U-89-391	-18°	202.6	222.4	19.8	2.028	21.19
	U-89-405	-2°	125.1	156.9	31.8	1.139	12.57
			including		11.3	3.260	21.94
200+10N	U-89-393	+70°	76.8	90.6	13.8	.199	46.15
	U-89-394	+29°	63.9	72.0	8.1	.474	25.53

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Section	Hole No	Dip	From (feet)	To	Core Length (feet)	Gold oz/ton	Silver oz/ton
200+20N	U-89-399	+90°	51.4	64.2	12.8	.414	28.88
	U-89-400	+45°	119.0	129.7	10.7	.268	1.42
	U-89-401	+24°	120.0	131.8	11.8	.217	9.86
	U-89-402	0°	146.0	157.8	11.8	1.124	31.83
	U-89-403	-16°	149.0	215.2	14.3	.299	8.79
	U-89-404	-27°	264.0	295.6	31.6	.319	1.92
				including		4.0	1.723

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