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**KOOTENAY INTERCEPTS 1,186 GPT SILVER OVER 4.6 METERS
WITHIN 112 GPT SILVER OVER 70.5 METERS AT COLUMBA PROJECT, MEXICO**

Kootenay Silver Inc. (TSXV: KTN) (the “Company” or “Kootenay”) is pleased to announce assay results from the final 17 core drill holes completed from its 2020 Phase II drill program, which totaled 9,114 meters over 43 holes, at its Columba high-grade silver project (the “Property”) located in Chihuahua State, Mexico.

Kootenay President & CEO, James McDonald, stated “We continue to be extremely pleased with the drill results from Columba. **The 1,186 gpt silver intersection from hole CDH-20-082 intercepting the B Vein is the highest silver grade reported to date over widths greater than 4 meters.** These results, combined with previous drilling, indicate that significant high-grade silver potential is being delineated in several areas within the Property. The B Vein is located 650 meters south of the old workings (F Vein) and can be traced on surface for 300 meters and remains open with significant opportunity to expand with further drilling.”

Highlights from Holes CDH-20-067 to CDH-20-084:

CDH-20-069 (J-Z Vein) intercepting hydrothermal breccias and quartz stockwork

- **58 gpt silver over 79.0 meters** including:
 - **152 gpt silver over 10.1 meters**, and
 - **325 gpt silver over 3.1 meters**

CDH-20-070 (J-Z Vein) intercepting hydrothermal breccias and quartz stockwork over several intervals

- **170 gpt silver over 3.78 meters**
- **40 gpt silver over 27.75 meters**

CDH-20-076 (W Vein) intercepting in hydrothermal breccias and quartz barite vein

- **40 gpt silver over 94.06 meters** including:
 - **272 gpt silver over 1.0 meter** within **97 gpt silver over 7.0 meters**

CDH-20-079 (D Vein)

- **179 gpt silver over 9.05 meters**, including:
 - **290 gpt silver over 5.35 meters**; and
 - **525 gpt silver over 1.58 meters**; including
 - **689 gpt silver over 0.74 meters** and **381 gpt silver over 0.84 meters**

CDH-20-082 (B Vein)

- **112 gpt silver over 70.5 meters**, including:

- **691 gpt silver over 9.0 meters**
- **1186 gpt silver over 4.6 meters; including**
 - **1,455 gpt silver over 1.55 meters and**
 - **1,055 gpt silver over 1.5 meters and**
 - **1,045 gpt silver over 1.55 meters**

CDH-20-084 (B System)

- **47 gpt silver over 25 meters, including:**
 - **126 gpt silver over 7 meters**
 - **208 gpt silver over 2.45 meters**

Click the following links to view: [Plan Map](#) and [Cross Sections](#) for holes CDH-20-67 to 084.

Drilling Discussion

Veins B and D

The highlight from these last set of 2020 drill holes are the high grades in the B and D Veins. The B Vein is showing excellent grade potential as good or better than the F Vein with values **exceeding 1,186 gpt silver (up to 1,455 gpt silver) over 4.6 meters with 9 meters of 691 gpt silver** in hole CDH-20-082. This hole shows the dramatic effect of elevation on grade. In comparison, hole CDH-19-036 drilled on the same section about 150 meters up dip and shallower than CDH-20-082, returned negligible silver. One hundred meters along strike from CDH-20-082, hole CDH-19-038 returned high grades of **301 gpt silver over 4.63 meters with 628 gpt silver over 1.5 meters** indicating high grade continuity along strike between these two holes. Hole CDH-20-084 (although lower grade) extends the strike a further south for at least 175 meters. The zone remains open along strike to the south and down dip. With limited drilling it appears true widths are about 70% of drilled widths.

The D Vein (which dips south) also shows excellent grade potential with Hole CDH-20-079 returning **525 gpt silver over 1.58 meters within 5.35 meters of 290 gpt silver**. This hole is about 50 meters deeper down dip of CDH-19-022 which contained **373 gpt silver over 1.5 meters within 6.25 meters of 244 gpt silver**. These two holes indicate both continuity and grade potential. From just two holes it appears true width is 90% of drilled width. Hole CDH-20-080 tested the D Vein about 140 meters along strike and hit **131 gpt silver over 10.39 meters**. While lower grade it is higher in elevation and therefore deeper drilling is required to test for the high grades in CDH-20-080 and CDH-19-022. The D Vein is open down and along strike to the southeast.

Detailed mapping of this area is underway to define the strike extent of these vein sets in preparation of the 2021 drill program expected to start at the beginning of February.

J-Z Vein Area

The J-Z Area is a complex zone comprising of at least 16 different veins with the primary veins striking northeast and southwest forming veins (including the E, O, J and Z veins) and veinlet stock works cutting a large hydrothermal breccia. The hydrothermal breccia trends northwest for about 500 meters, is generally 25 to 90 meters wide and has been followed down dip for at least 350 meters. It is open along strike and down dip. The breccia is low grade generally ranging from 20 to 100 gpt silver and contains significant high grades to **982 gpt silver**. The high grades are also in breccias that are siliceous, hematitic and have quartz plus or minus barite veinlets.

The high-grade breccias appear to occur where the veins cut the large low grade breccia body. Drill testing in the 2021 program will test this hypothesis and if there is continuity of the high grade breccias along the vein-breccias where they cross-cut the large low-grade breccia.

Examples of the high-grade breccias include:

- CDH-19-030 grading **200 gpt silver over 25.85 meters with 415 gpt silver over 11.15 meters and 982 gpt silver over 1.9 meters;**
- CDH-19-031 with **314 gpt silver over 3 meters with 776 gpt silver over 0.63 meters;**
- CDH-20-060 grading **132 gpt silver over 64 meters including 361 gpt silver over 11 meters and 608 gpt silver over 5 meters;**
- CDH-20-066 with **154 gpt silver over 9 meters including 773 gpt silver over 1.5 meters;** and
- CDH-20-069 with **152 gpt silver over 10.1 meters with 325 gpt silver over 3.1 meters.**

E Vein

Holes CDH-20-071 to 75,77,78 tested 400 meters of strike showing good vein continuity. Only moderate and low grades were encountered however most holes tested around the 1,800-meter elevation which is above the 1700-meter mark where most high grade starts to show up across the property. Thus, deeper drilling is required and will be done as part of the 2021 program.

The Company is currently designing the 2021 drill program that is slated to start in early February. Once approved the Company will provide details of the program such as number of holes and meters.

Detailed results for all drill holes completed to date at the Columba high grade silver project can be viewed by clicking the following link: [Columba Drill Results](#)

Detailed Drill Results – Holes CDH-20-067 to CDH-20-084

Hole ID	From (meters)	To (meters)	Interval (meters)	Silver (gpt)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Geologic Intersection
CDH-20-067	87	137.25	50.25	18	0.01	0.03	Hydrothermal breccia & Stockwork (J&Z Vein)
CDH-20-068	213	215.88	2.88	58	0.01	0.17	Hydrothermal breccia & Stockwork (J&Z Vein)
CDH-20-069	132	211	79	58	0.04	0.22	Hydrothermal breccia & Stockwork (J&Z Vein)
Includes	159	169.1	10.1	152	0.14	0.4	
Includes	166	169.1	3.1	325	0.37	2.6	
Includes	169.1	171	1.9	115	0.03	0.49	
Includes	177	179	2	176	0.04	0.11	
Includes	179	180	1	111	0.035	0.09	
Includes	190.6	192	1.4	126	0.089	0.16	
	286.28	286.82	0.54	336	0.355	2.08	

CDH-20-070	83	84.4	1.4	91	0.04	0.14	Hydrothermal breccia & Stockwork (J&Z Vein)
	130	133	3	64	0.02	0.13	
	171.8	175.58	3.78	170	0.07	0.32	
	202.5	230.25	27.75	40	0.02	0.06	
CDH-20-071	100.03	100.65	0.62	178	0.11	0.38	Hydrothermal breccia (E Vein)
	107	108	1	74	0.03	0.15	Quartz stockwork (E Vein)
CDH-20-072	No Significant values						
CDH-20-073	95.59	97.06	1.47	102	0.02	0.07	E Vein
	121.37	121.91	0.54	69	0.01	0.02	Hydrothermal breccia & Quartz barite vein
CDH-20-074	64.35	64.9	0.55	91	0.043	0.05	E vein
CDH-20-075	232	239.5	7.5	33	0.01	0.05	Quartz stockwork (E Vein)
CDH-20-076	69.94	164	94.06	40	0.03	0.07	Hydrothermal breccia & Quartz barite vein (W Vein)
Includes	83.5	84.5	1	272	0.1	0.18	W Vein
Includes	83.5	90.5	7	97	0.03	0.12	W Vein system
Includes	96.5	100	3.5	105	0.03	0.1	Hydrothermal breccia
Includes	134.2	138	3.8	98	0.11	0.18	Faulted hydrothermal breccia
	185	186.19	1.19	118	0.02	0.01	Quartz stockwork
CDH-20-077	No Significant Values						E Vein
CDH-20-078	No Significant Values						E Vein
CDH-20-079	150.95	160	9.05	179	0.05	0.14	D vein
Includes	150.95	156.3	5.35	290	0.08	0.22	
Includes	153.6	155.18	1.58	525	0.14	0.42	
Includes	153.6	154.34	0.74	689	0.226	0.52	
Includes	154.34	155.18	0.84	381	0.06	0.33	
CDH-20-080	92	116.25	24.25	80	0.04	0.11	D Vein
Includes	98.61	109	10.39	131	0.06	0.13	
CDH-20-081	No Significant Values						
CDH-20-082	26.3	30.5	4.2	42	0.02	0.03	F Vein system

	93	95.5	2.5	195	0.06	0.11	F Vein
Includes	93	94	1	434	0.15	0.15	
and	127.5	198	70.5	112	0.02	0.1	B Vein system
Includes	183	192	9	691	0.11	0.46	
Includes	184.5	189.1	4.6	1,186	0.2	0.53	B Vein
Includes	184.5	186.05	1.55	1,455	0.13	0.34	
Includes	186.05	187.55	1.5	1,055	0.378	0.88	
Includes	187.55	189.1	1.55	1,045	0.092	0.38	
CDH-20-083	261	261.85	0.85	231	0.374	0.09	F Vein system
	275.5	276	0.5	77	0.17	0.1	
CDH-20-084	194	219	25	47	0.01	0.05	B Vein system
Includes	206	213	7	126	0.02	0.08	
Includes	208	210.45	2.45	208	0.01	0.05	

Notes: All widths are drilled widths. At this time, it is estimated true widths will range from 60 to 80% of drilled widths depending on dip of the vein and inclination of the hole. All silver composites rounded to the nearest whole number.

Qualified Persons

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Sampling and QA/QC at Columba

All technical information for the Columba exploration program is obtained and reported under a formal quality assurance and quality control ("QA/QC") program. Samples are taken from core cut in half with a diamond saw under the direction of qualified geologists and engineers. Samples are then labeled, placed in plastic bags, sealed and with interval and sample numbers recorded. Samples are delivered by the Company to ALS Minerals ("ALS") in Chihuahua. The samples are dried, crushed and pulverized with the pulps being sent airfreight for analysis by ALS in Vancouver, B.C. Systematic assaying of standards, blanks and duplicates is performed for precision and accuracy. Analysis for silver, zinc, lead and copper and related trace elements was done by ICP four acid digestion, with gold analysis by 30-gram fire assay with an AA finish. All drilling reported is HQ core and has been contracted to Globexplore Drilling from Hermosillo, Mexico.

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