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Kootenay Silver Initiates New Phase of Diamond Drilling at Columba High Grade Silver Project, Chihuahua Mexico

Kootenay Silver Inc. (TSXV: KTN) (the "Company" or "Kootenay") is pleased to announce resumption of drilling at Columba High Grade Silver Project, located 25 km south of the township of Nueva Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico. To date Kootenay has drilled 135 holes for just over 27,000 meters on the project.

The current campaign will drill a minimum of 3,000 meters comprising of 12 to 15 holes focused on expanding on impressive, wide high-grade intercepts hit to date in the west-northwest trending D-Vein. The D-Vein has intercepted high grades in drilling over a horizontal length of 400m and to a maximum depth of about 300 meters. Mineralization on D-Vein is open to depth and along strike.

Favourable results from the initial program would warrant an additional 7,000 meters in 19 holes to aggressively step out on D-Vein toward its projected intersection with similarly mineralized B Vein.

The D-Vein is a quartz-calcite vein flanked by mineralized stockwork/breccia with intercepts exceeding 10 to 15 meters in true width in places. Previous drilling reported very encouraging results, as evidenced by the best interval to date in hole CDH-22-125, with **34.45 meters downhole length¹ averaging 540 gpt silver with 0.26 gpt gold, 0.37% lead and 1.56% zinc** including a high-grade interval averaging **5,840 gpt silver, 3.0 gpt gold, 3.08% lead and 17.25% zinc over 2.45 meters¹**. ([see news release dated 8 September, 2022](#))

Kootenay's CEO, Mr Jim McDonald states, "surface work and follow up drilling at Columba has identified a series of cross cutting, well mineralized veins within an area measuring approximately 4km by 4km. Of all the veins drilled to date, D Vein has returned the most impressive grades and widths so we are looking to expand the size of this mineralized shoot. This program marks the first step of an aggressive drilling campaign designed to culminate in a maiden resource for the third quarter of next year as financing will allow at which point a decision on a PEA can be made."

Hear Jim McDonald briefly discuss the drill program [here](#).

The Company has identified new vein targets in addition to known vein extensions warranting drill testing. The phase now underway represents the first stage of a comprehensive, project-wide program designed to step out along strike and to depth on multiple mineralized veins planned for completion within the next 12 months.

The Company has contracted Globextools de S.A. de C.V. of Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico to conduct the drilling at Columba. Results of the drill program will be announced as soon as the assays are received and interpreted by the Company.

Link to [Drill Plan](#) and [Long Section](#)

¹True widths are estimated at between 75% and 85% of the downhole lengths.

A comprehensive list of drill results completed on the Columba Property since 2019 may be viewed here: [Columba Drill Results](#).

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 Company inserts blanks, standards and duplicates at regular intervals as follows. On average a blank is inserted every 100 samples beginning at the start of sampling and again when leaving the mineral zone. Standards are inserted when entering the potential mineralized zone and in the middle of them, on average one in every 25 samples is a standard. Duplicates are taken in the mineralized zone, on average 1 to 2 duplicates for each hole.

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 was completed by Globexlore de S.A. de C.V. from Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

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