VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Mar 8, 2016) - <u>Pretium Resources Inc.</u> (TSX:PVG) (NYSE:PVG) ("Pretivm" or the "Company") is pleased to report a sixth set of results from the underground infill drill program at the Brucejack Project's Valley of the Kings. Results continue to confirm the style and grade distribution of the Valley of the Kings gold mineralization in the area currently being tested, which includes the intersection of high grade and visible gold. Reported assays include four intersections grading greater than 1,000 grams per tonne gold. (See Table 1 below for assays.)

Selected drill highlights include:

- Hole VU-565 intersected 206.23 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 17.00 meters, including 6,980 grams of gold per tonne
 uncut over 0.50 meters;
- Hole VU-568 intersected 82.01 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 31.00 meters, including 4,060 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 0.50 meters;
- Hole VU-573 intersected 39.04 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 23.50 meters, including 1,075 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 0.62 meters;
- Hole VU-599 intersected 36.12 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 19.56 meters, including 1,075 grams of gold per tonne uncut over 0.60 meters.

Holes VU-565 and VU-568 were drilled from the 1320 drill bay, hole VU-573 was drilled from the 1310 drill bay while hole VU-599 was drilled from the 1260 drill bay. To date results from 186 holes (33,206 meters) have been reported.

For a plan and section views of the reported drill fans please see the following link: http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/1045917a.pdf.

The 2015/2016 infill drill program is designed to target stope areas in years one through three of the current mine plan for the Valley of the Kings. The planned, drill program has been expanded to include extensions of Domain 20 which are adjacent to areas being mined in the early years of the 2014 Feasibility Mine Plan. Definition drilling from five underground drill stations is in progress and is expected to be completed in the second-quarter of 2016. When completed, roughly 200 vertical meters over a strike length of 250 meters will have been drilled at 7.5 to 10-meter centers. Assay results from drilling will continue to be reported as they are received.

Table 1: Selected Valley of the Kings Drill Results, March 2016 (VU-556 to VU-599)(1,2,3)

		From	To	Interval (meters)		Silver	300 10 10 000)
Hole No.			(meters)	interval (ineters)	(g/t)	(g/t)	Comments
1320 m	Drill Bay -	426,586	E/6,258,0	93N - 189 Azimu	th		
VU-556	-12.5/189	93.00	94.00	1.00	7.53	9.30	
VU-558	-59/189	55.00	58.00	3.00	21.39	10.17	
	incl	57.00	58.00	1.00	58.00	16.30	
VU-562	-47.5/189	47.00	48.00	1.00	10.00	11.70	
		89.00	90.00	1.00	8.57	8.00	
VU-565	-42.5/189	70.00	87.00	17.00	16.82	79.57	- 1 sample cut to 540
	or	70.00	87.00	17.00	206.23	79.57	- uncut
	incl	85.39	85.89	0.50	6,980	2,420	
		134.94	135.44	0.50	16.45	16.10	
VU-568	-37.5/189	18.00	18.98	0.98	18.10	21.10	
		72.00	103.00	31.00	22.54	45.06	- 2 samples cut to 540
	or	72.00	103.00	31.00	82.01	45.06	- uncut
	incl	73.13	73.63	0.50	4,060	1,710	
	incl	78.00	79.00	1.00	19.95	43.80	
	incl	87.30	87.80	0.50	138.00	116.00	
	incl	89.31	89.81	0.50	54.30	25.50	
	incl	93.72	94.22	0.50	707.00	208.00	
		156.00	157.00	1.00	23.70	17.50	
VU-574	-32.5/189	165.00	166.00	1.00	5.18	36.50	
VU-578	-27.5/189	175.00	176.00	1.00	22.30	23.30	
VU-579	-22.5/189	136.26	136.76	0.50	18.40	3.00	
		161.92	163.00	1.08	19.40	39.10	
VU-584	-17.5/189	155.00	165.15	10.15	14.24	12.08	
	incl	155.76	156.26	0.50	135.00	65.10	

	incl	159.33	159.83	0.50	122.50 63.60
1310 m	Drill Bay -	426,5211	E/6,258,1	39N - 187 Azimu	th
VU-510	-25/187	116.00	117.00	1.00	20.00 16.20
VU-513	-20/187	184.10	189.00	4.90	21.60 17.07
	incl	184.10	184.60	0.50	202.00 124.00
VU-517	-15/187	1.00	6.00	5.00	24.32 20.04
	incl	2.00	3.00	1.00	114.00 78.10
		101.00	135.02	34.52	14.56 18.46 - 1 sample cut to 540
	or	101.00	135.52	34.52	16.82 18.46 - uncut
	incl	106.30	106.80	0.50	696.00 418.00
	incl	106.80	108.00	1.20	59.90 41.20
	incl	122.70	123.20	0.50	137.50 61.70
	incl	134.40	135.02	0.62	71.50 299.00
VU-534	-10/187	68.00	69.00	1.00	9.79 12.50
		129.00	130.00	1.00	8.12 9.00
VU-560	-40/187	67.07	67.57	0.50	86.60 98.60
		126.00	139.00	13.00	7.80 8.35
	incl	126.00	127.00	1.00	54.70 22.60
	incl	138.00	139.00	1.00	38.10 11.20
VU-563	-35/187	120.00	133.00	13.00	22.37 15.21
	incl	121.67	122.17	0.50	46.50 58.90
	incl	127.83	128.33	0.50	180.50 164.00
	incl	131.00	132.00	1.00	169.00 54.50
		166.70	167.30	0.60	18.20 13.80
VU-566	-30/187	125.00	128.58	3.58	8.89 26.96
		125.00	126.00	1.00	21.10 9.70
		128.08	128.58	0.50	20.10 161.00
VU-569	-5/187	67.41	71.00	3.59	21.65 19.56
	incl	67.41	67.91	0.50	46.20 83.70
	incl	70.00	71.00	1.00	53.10 14.90
		103.00	105.55	2.55	32.30 22.03
	incl	105.00	105.55	0.55	128.50 76.70
VU-573	0/187	88.36	111.86	23.50	24.92 25.33 - 1 sample cut to 540
	or	88.36	111.86	23.50	39.04 25.33 - uncut
	incl	88.36	88.86	0.50	38.20 30.90
	incl	91.22	91.84	0.62	1,075 634.00
	incl	111.00	111.86	0.86	254.00 136.00
1270 m	Drill Bay -	426,6631	E/6,258,0	75N - 185 Azimu	th
VU-561	-32.5/185	158.11	171.10	12.99	11.08 11.94
	incl	165.05	165.55	0.50	228.00 144.00
VU-564	-27.5/185	30.00	32.00	2.00	6.98 27.05
		164.40	164.90	0.50	21.50 197.00
		184.00	192.40	8.40	10.34 40.24
	incl	184.64	185.80	1.16	56.90 133.00
VU-567	-22.5/185	9.00	11.00	2.00	137.88 143.03 - 1 sample cut to 540
	or	9.00	11.00	2.00	197.13 143.03 - uncut
	incl	9.50	10.00	0.50	777.00 560.00
		106.06	111.00	4.94	18.79 15.97
	incl	106.56	107.06	0.50	125.00 70.80
	incl	107.06	107.56	0.50	29.90 30.00
		124.75	125.25	0.50	46.70 19.30
VU-571	-17.5/185	98.00	125.25	27.25	17.06 22.25 - 1 sample cut to 540
	or	98.00	125.25	27.25	19.85 22.25 - uncut
	incl	100.79	101.50	0.71	28.60 38.10
	incl	102.93	103.43	0.50	140.50 70.30
	incl	103.43	103.93	0.50	34.20 24.20
	incl	104.43	104.93	0.50	692.00 638.00
	incl	124.05	124.55	0.50	97.50 30.70

	VU-575 -	12.5/185	114.00	134.50	20.50	10.41	9.68
	i	ncl	114.00	115.00	1.00	18.00	7.60
	i	ncl	126.33	126.83	0.50	15.15	33.20
	i	ncl	134.00	134.50	0.50	339.00	194.00
	VU-581 -	7.5/185	29.00	30.00	1.00	16.90	10.20
			92.00	93.00	1.00	29.00	14.20
			122.00	123.00	1.00	36.10	19.20
	VU-585 5	5/185	38.15	38.65	0.50	214.00	74.40
	VU-589 2	20/185	18.00	18.80	0.80	10.45	23.40
	1260 m E	Orill Bay -	426,529	5/6,258,0	18N - 170 Azimu	th	
	VU-570 -	38/170	35.96	36.46	0.50	14.75	36.00
	VU-572 -	31/170	149.00	150.00	1.00	6.37	5.70
	VU-582 -	17/170	19.73	20.23	0.50	23.30	29.70
			29.00	30.00	1.00	30.60	55.80
1260 m Drill Bay - 426,529E/6,258,018N - 175 Azimuth							
	VU-590 -	6/175	22.34	22.84	0.50	60.50	108.00
	VU-597 -	21/175	18.80	21.00	2.20	15.97	134.62
	incl		19.30	19.80	0.50	64.10	470.00
	VU-599 -	28/175	21.00	40.56	19.56	19.71	47.57 - 1 sample cut to 540
	or		21.00	40.56	19.56	36.12	47.57 - uncut
	incl		21.77	22.37	0.60	1,075	949.00
	incl		40.06	40.56	0.50	95.00	73.90

- (1) True thickness to be determined.
- (2) Unless otherwise indicated as uncut, all gold assays over 540 g/t were cut to 540 g/t.
- (3) All samples were submitted for preparation and analysis by ALS Chemex at its facilities in Terrace, B.C. All samples were analyzed using multi-digestion with ICP finish and fire assay with AA finish for gold. Samples over 100 ppm silver were reanalyzed using four acid digestion with an ore grade AA finish. Samples over 1,500 ppm silver were fire assayed with a gravimetric finish. Samples with over 10 ppm gold were fire assayed with a gravimetric finish. One in 20 samples was blank, one in 20 was a standard sample, and one in 20 samples had a sample cut from assay rejects assayed as a field duplicate at ALS Chemex in North Vancouver, B.C. Whole core (core not split) is being assayed as part of the underground infill drill program.

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About Pretivm

Pretivm is constructing a high-grade underground gold mine at its Brucejack Project in northern British Columbia with commercial production targeted for 2017.

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