

Hecla Expands High-Grade at Casa Berardi's East Mine

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[Hecla Mining Company](#) (NYSE:HL) announces results from exploration and definition drilling programs at Casa Berardi's East Mine.

"Exploration and development drilling in the 148 Zone generated significant widths and grades two to three times higher than the average underground grade at Casa Berardi," said Mr. Phillips S. Baker, Jr., President and CEO. "Given this is in the area of higher grades where the mine started 30 years ago, infrastructure is close, so production could start in about a year and could continue for a number of years as the mineralization appears to continue."

During the third quarter, drills operated in the East Mine to test several promising areas (Figures 1, 2 and 3). The East Mine has a history of high-grade mine production and since re-establishing access earlier this year, underground drilling is confirming and expanding high-grade lenses from the 148 to 160 zones. Drilling in the 148 Zone targeted areas down-plunge of current infrastructure. Results show high grades (Table 1), and the presence of visible gold in many of the drill holes with pending assays suggests they are open on strike and at depth down-plunge.

Table 1: Selection of assay results from the East Mine 148 Zone.

Drill Hole Number	Drill Hole Section	Drill Hole Azm/Dip	Sample From (feet)	Sample To (feet)	True Width (feet)	Gold (oz/ton)	Depth From Mine Surface (feet)
*CBE-0171	14750	343/-34	1072.6	1090.6	16.1	0.45	2162
including			1084.4	1090.6	4.9	0.87	2165
*CBE-0172	14773	346/-33	1036.2	1062.7	22.3	0.65	2120
including			1044.7	1059.8	12.8	1.05	2121
*CBE-0173	14769	346/-39	1118.5	1151.3	26.6	0.63	2257
including			1130.9	1148.0	13.4	1.12	2260
CBE-0174	14815	355/-33	1044.4	1071.9	24.3	0.38	2107
including			1044.4	1048.0	3.0	0.67	2102
including			1065.7	1069.0	3.0	1.06	2112
CBE-0175	14814	355/-37	1087.6	1116.8	23.6	0.18	2188
CBE-0176	14817	355/-29	1021.7	1056.2	30.2	0.16	2074
including			1048.0	1052.9	4.6	0.47	2079
CBE-0177	14755	340/-24	993.8	1011.9	15.2	0.78	2008
CBE-0178	14758	340/-29	1016.8	1034.5	14.7	1.03	2061
CBE-0179	14745	334/-22	993.8	1012.5	15.7	0.30	2002

including			1005.6	1012.5	5.2	0.79	2005
CBE-0180	14785	349/-30	1018.4	1036.5	13.8	0.22	2065
including			1018.4	1026.0	5.6	0.44	2063
CBE-0181	14785	349/-36	998.8	1011.9	9.8	0.11	2126
including			1000.4	1005.6	3.9	0.23	2125
CBE-0181	14783	349/-36	1061.4	1096.8	28.9	0.14	2163
including			1079.1	1092.2	9.8	0.23	2167

* Assay results reported in 2nd Quarter

A presentation showing drill intersection locations is available by copying and pasting the following URL into your Internet browser:

<http://ir.hecla-mining.com/interactive/newlookandfeel/130678/CasaBerardiEastMineExploration.pdf>.

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Qualified Person (QP) Pursuant to Canadian National Instrument 43-101

Kurt Allen, MSc. CPG., Director - Exploration of Hecla Limited, who serves as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, supervised the preparation of the scientific and technical information concerning Hecla's mineral projects in this news release. Information regarding data verification, surveys and investigations, quality assurance program and quality control measures and a summary of sample, analytical or testing procedures for the Casa Berardi Mine are contained in a technical report prepared for Hecla titled "Technical Report for the Casa Berardi Mine, Northwestern Quebec, Canada" effective date December 31, 2018 (the "Casa Berardi Technical Report"). Also included in this technical report is a description of the key assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate mineral reserves and resources and a general discussion of the extent to which the estimates may be affected by any known environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing or other relevant factors. Copies of this technical report is available under Hecla's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Mr. Allen reviewed and verified information regarding drill sampling, data verification of all digitally collected data, drill surveys and specific gravity determinations relating to the Casa Berardi mine. The review encompassed quality assurance programs and quality control measures including analytical or testing practice, chain-of-custody procedures, sample storage procedures and included independent sample collection and analysis. This review found the information and procedures meet industry standards and are adequate for Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimation and mine planning purposes.

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