Benchmark Drills 4.82 Metres of 20.48 g/t Gold Equivalent at Cliff Creek North Zone, Expanding Mineralization at Depth

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Edmonton, April 9, 2021 - Benchmark Metals Inc. (TSXV: BNCH) (OTCQX: BNCHF) (WKN: A2JM2X) (the "Company" or "Benchmark") is pleased to announce new results from a series of drill holes at the northern portion of the Cliff Creek deposit that demonstrate the exceptional continuity of high grade and bulk-tonnage mineralization from surface to over 500 metres (m) vertical depth. Benchmark's flagship Lawyers Gold-Silver Project is road accessible and located within the Golden Horseshoe area of north-central British Columbia, Canada.

John Williamson, CEO, commented, "The Cliff Creek North area continues to provide long intervals of bulk-tonnage material and narrower high-grade results. The northern portion of Cliff Creek is yielding high-grade gold and silver at surface, offering a starter-pit opportunity that could deliver robust economic returns. The drilling is demonstrating strong gold and silver continuity from surface to over 500 metres vertical depth. The recent results have provided more evidence of both open-pit and underground high-grade potential. The Project is exhibiting world-class mining potential with three zones to be included in a near-term mineral resource estimate and potential for more discoveries during the 2021 exploration program."

Figure 1 - Cliff Creek North Zone long section, see Figure 2 for section window.

To view an enhanced version of Figure 1, please visit:
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Continuity of Mineralization

Drill holes 20CCDD079 and 20CCDD106 were designed to test the continuity of the mineralization down dip and along strike. Hole 20CCDD079 was drilled to the northwest and returned from surface 54.72 m of 2.86 g/t gold (Au) and 152.18 g/t silver (Ag) or 4.76 g/t gold equivalent (AuEq), including 4.00 m of 13.64 g/t Au and 649.13 g/t Ag or 21.76 g/t AuEq. This zone of high-grade mineralization demonstrates excellent continuity extending over 150 metres along strike (Figure 1) and to depth from surface. Drill hole 20CCDD106 was drilled to the southwest, down-dip, and returned 112.62 m of 1.02 g/t Au and 67.91 g/t Ag or 1.87 g/t AuEq, including 5.92 m of 7.64 g/t Au and 577.67 g/t Ag or 14.86 g/t AuEq. This hole again demonstrates the continuity of mineralization from near surface to depth with both bulk-tonnage and high-grade intervals.

Expansion Potential

Drill holes 20CCDD101 and 20CCDD048 were drilled below the modelled pit outline (Figure 1) and returned 58.25 m of 1.18 g/t Au and 30.58 g/t Ag or 1.56 g/t AuEq and 4.82 m of 11.58 g/t Au and 711.85 g/t Ag or 20.48 g/t AuEq respectively. Both holes have extended mineralization to the southeast, where there is no historical drilling, demonstrating significant potential for discovering additional gold and silver ounces to the Cliff Creek deposit during the upcoming 2021 drill program. The entire Cliff Creek Zone remains open in all directions and shows strong potential for more expansion at depth in high-grade material.

Table #1: New results from the Cliff Creek Zone.

Hole ID	FROM	TO	INTERVAL	Au (ppm)	Ag (ppm)	AuEq (ppm)

		67.06	76.20	9.14	0.57	7.49	0.66
20CCRC039		100.58	123.44	22.86	0.77	9.10	0.88
	incl	117.35	118.87	1.52	5.78	14.20	5.96
		47.24	91.44	44.20	1.15	28.73	1.51
		47.24	82.30	35.06	1.36	34.70	1.80
20CCRC078		79.25	80.77	1.52	6.43	245.00	9.49
		86.87	91.44	4.57	0.62	11.67	0.77
		103.63	129.54	25.91	0.83	67.28	1.67
		124.97	126.49	1.52	3.39	458.00	9.12
		131.06	137.16	6.10	0.71	15.56	0.91
20CCRC079		150.88	153.92	3.04	4.23	250.90	7.36
		185.93	187.45	1.52	6.57	181.00	8.83
20CCRC080		27.43	38.10	10.67	1.69	92.78	2.85
		30.48	32.00	1.52	3.88	268.00	7.23
		217.00	225.38	8.38	0.58	23.69	0.87
	incl	217.00	217.74	0.74	2.20	24.10	2.50
20CCDD007	incl	224.24	225.38	1.14	2.04	107.00	3.38
		276.00	282.00	6.00	1.84	49.13	2.45
	incl	281.00	282.00	1.00	6.19	158.00	8.17
		59.00	79.95	20.95	0.85	22.10	1.13
20CCDD013		146.71	150.00	3.29	1.16	43.00	1.70
		195.00	212.19	17.19	0.98	31.72	1.38
20CCDD016		96.45	105.00	8.55	1.27	45.08	1.84
	incl	101.00	102.00	1.00	3.54	173.00	5.70
20CCDD017		115.87	135.00	19.13	0.26	6.21	0.34
		232.00	264.00	32.00	0.76	14.09	0.93
	incl	259.00	260.00	1.00	5.01	33.80	5.43
		164.00	172.00	8.00	0.78	9.94	0.90
		188.00	193.05	5.05	4.53	184.89	6.84
20CCDD037	incl	190.40	191.00	0.60	24.60	1025.00	37.41
		253.00	278.00	25.00	0.45	12.77	0.61
		255.08	259.00	3.92	1.47	43.08	2.01
	incl	255.08	256.00	0.92	4.98	117.00	6.44
		169.12	176.00	6.88	0.52	6.35	0.60
20CCDD040		214.84	233.00	18.16	0.78	14.31	0.96
	incl	216.00	217.00	1.00	6.43	58.00	7.15
		246.00	250.00	4.00	1.73	127.20	3.32
		394.00	409.00	15.00	0.48	10.28	0.61
20CCDD048		491.00	495.82	4.82	11.58	711.85	20.48
		491.00	494.41	3.41	15.29	978.91	27.53
		45.00	58.00	13.00	0.44	15.72	0.64
20CCDD058		73.00	175.89	102.89	0.52	11.00	0.66
	incl	81.00	88.00	7.00	2.45	55.37	3.14
20CCDD059		123.00	151.80	28.80	0.49	8.09	0.59
		211.00	245.45	34.45	0.93	25.22	1.25
		105.00	106.00	1.00	1.43	3.41	1.47
		146.89	148.68	1.79	1.29	2.83	1.32
20CCDD060		183.85	188.74	4.89	1.02	6.72	1.10
		202.96	205.00	2.04	3.53	213.33	6.20
	incl	204.00	205.00	1.00	6.40	404.00	11.45
		212.00	218.00	6.00	0.43	46.87	1.02
		241.73	340.50	98.77	1.10	23.17	1.39
		279.50	280.28	0.78	15.35	3.87	15.40
		321.47	322.22	0.75	11.95	545.00	18.76
		324.00	325.00	1.00	13.90	402.00	1.36
		373.00	374.00	1.00	5.78	13.05	5.94
		432.21	437.00	4.79	1.70	137.78	3.42
		435.22	436.00	0.78	8.09	460.00	13.84

		3.00	57.72	54.72	2.86	152.18	4.76
	incl	5.00	7.00	2.00	5.81	484.50	11.86
	and	9.00	12.00	3.00	5.52	273.33	8.93
20CCDD079***	and	24.00	28.00	4.00	13.64	649.13	21.76
	incl	27.00	28.00	1.00	39.80	1960.00	64.30
		109.08	128.30	19.22	1.59	51.95	2.24
	incl	122.58	124.00	1.42	13.95	414.00	19.13
		155.00	186.00	31.00	0.34	11.22	0.48
	or	164.00	167.00	3.00	0.69	29.13	1.06
20CCDD080		172.50	181.00	8.50	0.61	19.76	0.85
		184.30	186.00	1.70	0.55	25.44	0.87
		201.10	240.13	39.03	0.70	22.78	0.99
		219.00	229.21	10.21	1.57	59.08	2.31
		47.00	56.00	9.00	0.81	34.49	1.24
20CCDD085		108.00	114.00	6.00	0.88	30.17	1.26
		138.08	156.00	17.92	0.91	19.59	1.16
		69.00	71.00	2.00	0.76	1.12	0.77
		144.00	144.91	0.91	0.43	62.30	1.21
20CCDD091		319.00	329.23	10.23	1.02	28.69	1.38
	including	327.00	328.40	1.40	4.95	125.39	6.52
		350.00	365.20	15.20	0.59	15.45	0.78
		148.00	149.00	1.00	0.84	133.00	2.50
		220.00	221.00	1.00	21.30	593.00	28.71
20CCDD101		252.00	262.00	10.00	0.38	34.19	0.80
		296.75	355.00	58.25	0.81	26.75	1.15
		309.80	317.55	7.75	2.19	120.87	3.70
		309.80	310.55	0.75	9.74	319.00	13.73
		21.32	80.00	58.68	1.18	30.58	1.56
	incl	43.00	55.69	12.69	1.63	30.38	2.01
20CCDD103	and	68.00	76.91	8.91	3.53	122.58	5.06
	incl	69.00	71.00	2.00	9.13	274.00	12.55
		100.00	110.87	10.87	0.50	33.02	0.91
		11.00	16.00	5.00	3.36	35.99	3.81
		21.85	24.22	2.37	1.48	3.41	1.52
20CCDD105		66.00	94.58	28.58	1.17	32.15	1.58
	incl	88.05	89.00	0.95	6.93	312.00	10.83
		114.39	117.83	3.44	0.38	13.92	0.56
		12.00	22.00	10.00	1.32	3.93	1.37
		133.00	134.00	1.00	1.25	82.60	2.28
		182.00	294.62	112.62	1.02	67.91	1.87
		247.00	255.71	8.71	3.27	98.56	4.50
20CCDD106***	incl	247.00	248.00	1.00	12.55	90.90	13.69
	and	288.70	294.62	5.92	7.64	577.67	14.86
	incl	289.70	290.22	0.52	13.35	1955.00	37.79
		392.36	394.00	1.64	2.39	128.00	3.99

* Gold equivalent (AuEq) calculated using 80:1 silver to gold ratio.
** Intervals are core-length. True width is estimated between 80 to 90% of core length.
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Figure 2 - Cliff Creek Gold Silver Deposit Drillhole Collars and Map

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Results from samples were analyzed at ALS Global Laboratories (Geochemistry Division) in Vancouver, Canada (an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited facility). The sampling program was undertaken by Company personnel under the direction of Rob L'Heureux, P.Geol. A secure chain of custody is maintained in transporting and storing of all samples. Gold was assayed using a fire assay with atomic emission spectrometry and gravimetric finish when required (+10 g/t Au). Analysis by four acid digestion with 48 element ICP-MS analysis was conducted on all samples with silver and base metal over- limits being re-analyzed by atomic absorption or emission spectrometry. Rock chip samples from outcrop/bedrock are selective by nature and may not be representative of the mineralization hosted on the project.

The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and approved by Michael Dufresne, M.Sc, P.Geol., P.Geo., a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

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