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WIDE-SPREAD COBALT MINERALISATION DISCOVERED IN CONGLOMERATE AT CROWN RIDGE

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Analysis of heavy mineral concentrates and drill core using a portable handheld XRF analyser.
- ✓ Cobalt up to 0.44% in heavy mineral concentrates derived from panning stream sediments in the current drainage.
- ✓ Low capex gravity process to recover gold and platinum could also recover high Cobalt contents in heavy mineral concentrates as a by-product
- Diamond drilling and bulk pit sampling continuing, with the aim to achieve a maiden Mineral Resource Estimation.
- ✓ Regional exploration programs continuing.

Papua New Guinea-focused precious metals exploration company Gold Mountain Limited (ASX: GMN) ("Gold Mountain" or "the Company") is pleased to confirm that high cobalt readings have been achieved from a portable XRF analyser of panned concentrates collected from drainages in the Crown Ridge project, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.

The company took delivery of a portable handheld XRF (Olympus Vanta model) in February and commenced testing in March. Panned concentrate samples collected from drainages within the Crown Ridge prospect gave XRF readings up to 4430 ppm Co (average of three readings) (Table 1).

The cobalt is likely to be derived from mafic / ultramafic rocks that have contributed to the Timun Conglomerate unit at Crown Ridge. The Timun Conglomerate contains significant amounts of gold and platinum and constitutes the main target mineralisation at Crown Ridge.

The detection of significant Cobalt in the panned concentrates adds another dimension to the Crown Ridge project. In a mining operation, processing of the conglomerate using gravity processing plants, to recover gold and platinum, would produce heavy mineral concentrates that could contain significant amounts of cobalt, which could be sold as a by-product.

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| Location | ID East | Fact | North | RL | Co readings in ppm | | | |
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| | | East | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | Average |
| Kiangap Creek | BS01 | 816919 | 9407494 | 2232 | 4000 | 3900 | 3700 | 3860 |
| Kiangap Creek | BS02 | 816653 | 9407480 | 2262 | 2510 | 2900 | 2400 | 2600 |
| Uman Creek | BS03 | 816699 | 9407894 | 2244 | 4100 | 4400 | 2800 | 3770 |
| Uman Creek | BS04 | 816800 | 9408066 | 2227 | 4300 | 4300 | 4700 | 4430 |
| Timin Creek | BS05 | 816920 | 9408142 | 2215 | 2800 | 2400 | 3000 | 2730 |
| Timin Creek | BS06 | 816699 | 9408163 | 2226 | 2800 | 3100 | 4600 | 3500 |

Further testing of the Cobalt potential is planned.

Table 1: Portable XRF measurements of Cobalt in panned concentrates (refer to Figure 1 for sample locations (BS01-BS06)

PNG Cobalt

Cobalt is currently being mined and processed at one location in PNG. The Ramu Cobalt-Nickel Mine in Madang Province is the World's fifth largest producer of cobalt and has Reserves of 49Mt @ 1.0%Ni and 0.1%Co. This is a lateritic deposit that required large capital investment (\$2.1B).

Crown Ridge exploration

The diamond drilling and pit sampling programs at Crown Ridge, aiming to develop a maiden Mineral Resource, are ongoing. Table 2 lists diamond drilling completed to date and Table 3 lists the pit locations.

| HoleID | Easting | Northing | RL | Dip | Azim | Length | Commenced | Completed |
|--------|---------|----------|------|-----|------|--------|------------|------------|
| CRD001 | 815688 | 9407439 | 2290 | -60 | 040 | 200.9 | 14/10/2017 | 29/10/2017 |
| CRD002 | 815919 | 9407299 | 2316 | -60 | 040 | 221.5 | 30/10/2017 | 7/11/2017 |
| CRD003 | 816238 | 9407086 | 2298 | -60 | 040 | 302.1 | 13/11/2017 | 24/11/2017 |
| CRD004 | 816814 | 9407155 | 2300 | -60 | 330 | 70.5 | 25/11/2017 | 28/11/2017 |
| CRD005 | 816814 | 9407155 | 2300 | -70 | 180 | 470.6 | 28/11/2017 | 24/12/2017 |
| CRD006 | 816814 | 9407155 | 2300 | -60 | 340 | 329.9 | 25/12/2017 | 3/01/2018 |
| CRD007 | 816633 | 9407637 | 2314 | -90 | 000 | 106 | 23/01/2018 | 3/01/2018 |
| CRD008 | 816457 | 9407582 | 2248 | -90 | 000 | 94.8 | 4/02/2018 | 9/02/2018 |
| CRD009 | 816301 | 9407571 | 2298 | -90 | 000 | 96.8 | 11/02/2018 | 14/02/2018 |
| CRD010 | 816509 | 9407441 | 2281 | -90 | 000 | 88.0 | 16/02/2018 | 19/02/2018 |
| CRD011 | 816353 | 9407452 | 2301 | -90 | 000 | 108.0 | 24/02/2018 | 27/02/2018 |
| CRD012 | 816185 | 9407404 | 2317 | -90 | 000 | 104.6 | 1/03/2018 | 5/03/2018 |
| CRD013 | 816503 | 9407437 | 2292 | -75 | 095 | 236.5 | 7/03/2018 | 14/03/2018 |
| CRD014 | 815874 | 9407674 | 2327 | -65 | 050 | 92.5 | 16/03/2018 | 19/03/2018 |

Table 2: Diamond drillholes completed at Crown ridge

Grid co-ordinates in WGS84, Zone 54S datum

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| Pit_ID | East | North | RL | Depth | Commenced | Completed |
|--------|--------|---------|------|-------|------------|------------|
| CRP001 | 816432 | 9407067 | 2296 | 5 | 11/10/2017 | 14/10/2017 |
| CRP002 | 816167 | 9407137 | 2328 | 4.85 | 10/10/2017 | 17/10/2017 |
| CRP003 | 815880 | 9407336 | 2329 | 4.8 | 17/10/2017 | 23/10/2017 |
| CRP004 | 815875 | 9407344 | 2327 | 5 | 19/10/2017 | 23/10/2017 |
| CRP005 | 816129 | 9407393 | 2273 | 4.15 | 24/10/2017 | 30/10/2017 |
| CRP006 | 816665 | 9407405 | 2253 | 5.4 | 27/10/2017 | 13/11/2017 |
| CRP007 | 816382 | 9407445 | 2276 | 4.4 | 2/11/2017 | 6/11/2017 |
| CRP008 | 816672 | 9407634 | 2315 | 5.22 | 7/11/2017 | 13/11/2017 |
| CRP009 | 816304 | 9407592 | 2303 | 4.85 | 17/11/2017 | 25/11/2017 |
| CRP010 | 816458 | 9407612 | 2292 | 4.1 | 26/11/2017 | 2/12/2017 |
| CRP011 | 816402 | 9407258 | 2280 | 4.65 | 20/12/2017 | 30/12/2017 |
| CRP012 | 815889 | 9407696 | 2312 | 5 | 4/01/2018 | 12/01/2018 |
| CRP013 | 816092 | 9407638 | 2282 | 5 | 17/01/2018 | 23/01/2018 |
| CRP014 | 815944 | 9407487 | 2291 | 4.7 | 24/01/2018 | 30/01/2018 |
| CRP015 | 816798 | 9407550 | 2269 | 5 | 31/01/2018 | 3/02/2018 |
| CRP016 | 816892 | 9407353 | 2285 | 5.3 | 4/02/2018 | 7/02/2018 |
| CRP017 | 816993 | 9407563 | 2263 | 4.9 | 7/02/2018 | 12/02/2018 |
| CRP018 | 817212 | 9407344 | 2278 | 5 | 13/02/2018 | 16/02/2018 |
| CRP019 | 816761 | 9407210 | 2288 | 5 | 23/02/2018 | 26/02/2018 |
| CRP020 | 816588 | 9407347 | 2267 | 4.5 | 26/02/2018 | 28/02/2018 |
| CRP021 | 816565 | 9407438 | 2288 | 4.9 | 1/03/2018 | 4/03/2018 |
| CRP022 | 816699 | 9407475 | 2297 | 5 | 5/03/2018 | 7/03/2018 |
| CRP023 | 816765 | 9407418 | 2263 | 5 | 7/03/2018 | 9/03/2018 |
| CRP024 | 816504 | 9407402 | 2267 | 4.8 | 10/03/2018 | 12/03/2018 |
| CRP025 | 816488 | 9407493 | 2292 | 4.9 | 13/03/2018 | 15/03/2018 |
| CRP026 | 816724 | 9407337 | 2287 | 4.5 | 16/03/2018 | 18/03/2018 |
| CRP027 | 816646 | 9407301 | 2251 | 2.4 | 19/03/2018 | 19/03/2018 |

Table 3: Bulk sampling pits completed at Crown ridge Grid co-ordinates in WGS84, Zone 54S datum

Regional exploration

GMN holds exploration tenements covering 2,010 km² in the Wabag area of PNG. There is excellent potential for discovering significant new Gold, Copper, Platinum and Cobalt deposits throughout Gold Mountain's Exploration Licences and regional exploration programs are ongoing.





Figure 1: Locations of panned concentrate samples (purple triangles) tested by XRF analyser.



Figure 2: Location of drillholes(blue) and bulk sampling pits (green) completed at Crown Ridge





Figure 3: Location of Crown Ridge and the Mongae Creek prospect in EL2306 Map shows regional geology and airborne magnetics data



Cobalt Price Graph

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- Cobalt Price hits new 10-year highs, as Glencore predicts Cobalt Supply Crunch despite its planned increase of cobalt production in the Democratic Republic Congo (DRC). The Swiss-based miner is expected to produce about 39,000 tonnes this year or about 35 percent of the global total, estimated at 110,000 tonnes by analysts (Reuters, 21 3 2018).
- The DRC is preparing to more than double a tax on two-thirds of global cobalt supply, potentiall increasing the cost of the critical battery metal just as the worl begins to embrace electric vehicles (Bloomberg Jan 2018).



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To view the latest photographs showing progress of exploration programs on the Wabag project here: <u>https://www.goldmountainltd.com.au/gallery</u>

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About Gold Mountain

Gold Mountain Limited (ASX:GMN) is a junior mining explorer focused on delivering shareholder returns by developing its gold projects in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The company's experienced management team has assembled a portfolio of tenements prospective for gold, covering a total area of 2010km² within the Highlands of PNG. Gold Mountain is now focused on advancing its flagship Crown Ridge Gold project to assess the viability of and, results permitting, develop a relatively short term start up bulk gold mining operation.

The Company is fully funded for the current drilling and bulk sampling program aim at defining a maiden Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) under JORC 2012 guidelines and additional exploration as required.

Statements contained in this report relating to exploration results and potential are based on information compiled by Doug Smith, who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Doug is a consultant geologist and has sufficient relevant experience in relation to the mineralisation styles being reported on to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the Australian Code for Reporting of Identified Mineral resources and Ore reserves (JORC Code 2012). Doug Smith consents to the use of this information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.



JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 report

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

| Criteria | Commentary |
|---|--|
| Sampling techniques | Analysis of panned concentrates using a portable handheld XRF analyser - Olympus Vanta model. |
| Drilling techniques | Diamond drilling using triple tube PQ / HQ equipment. |
| Drill sample recovery | Recovery measured for each drill run. |
| Logging | Drill core logging of lithologies, structures, alteration veining and mineralisation. |
| Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation | Drillhole sampling by splitting core in half using a diamond core saw. |
| Quality of assay data and laboratory tests | Analysis by handheld XRF – three readings taken for each sample |
| Verification of sampling and assaying | No quality control sampling has been undertaken to date. |
| Location of data points | Pit locations and drillhole collar positions were determined by hand- held GPS readings (accuracy +/- 5m) and recorded in WGS84, Zone 54S datum. |
| Data spacing and distribution | Data spacing and distribution will not be sufficient for Mineral Resource estimation. No sample compositing has been applied. |
| Orientation of data in relation to geological structure | The orientation of samples is not likely to bias the assay results. |
| Sample security | Drill core samples are currently stored in a locked shed at the Crown Ridge camp. |
| Audits or reviews | No audits of the data have been undertaken to date. Samples will be forwarded to ALS laboratories in Townsville for ICP and XRF analysis. |

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

| Criteria | Commentary | | | | |
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| Mineral tenement and land tenure status | EL1968 was granted to Viva No 20 Limited on 28 Nov 2013 and expires on 27 Nov 2017. The current tenement area is 164 km ² . GMN is earning 70% interest. Application for renewal of the tenement has been lodged with MRA in Port Moresby. | | | | |
| Exploration done by other parties | All exploration programs conducted by Gold Mountain Limited. | | | | |
| Geology | EL1968 contains potential for intrusive-related gold-copper deposits, epithermal-style gold deposits, alluvial gold-platinum deposits and Alaskan-style platinum deposits. | | | | |
| Drill hole Information | Drilling by QED using an Atlas Copco track-mounted CS14 Drill Rig running triple tube PQ / HQ drill rods. | | | | |
| | Collar co-ordinates, inclination, azimuth and depth presented in Error! Reference source not found. 2 of this announcement. | | | | |
| Data aggregation methods | No material information is excluded. | | | | |
| | No intersections have been reported as part of this release. | | | | |
| Relationship between | No material information is excluded. | | | | |
| mineralisation widths and intercept lengths | No intersections have been reported as part of this release. | | | | |
| Diagrams | Maps showing the locations of the drill holes completed at Crown Ridge are presented in this announcement | | | | |
| Balanced reporting | Announcement reports all Co results of the panned concentrate samples analysed to date. | | | | |
| Other substantive exploration data | Geochemical surveys have been previously reported. These included soil sampling, stream sediment sampling, rock chip sampling, trench and pit sampling. | | | | |
| | A Helimag survey involving flying lines at 100-metre line spacing, was completed in 2016 and processing and reporting of the data were previously announced. | | | | |
| Further work | Continued bulk sampling and diamond core drilling at Crown Ridge, leading up to the estimation of Mineral Resources. | | | | |
| | Regional geochemical sampling and geological mapping to detect other areas of potential gold mineralisation. | | | | |