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PINON-RAILROAD PROJECT, ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA

Recent Drilling Results from the western extension of the Railroad (POD) Gold project indicates potential for a deeper continuation of the shallow measured oxide resource.

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A recent 14 hole drilling program on the POD open pit gold-silver oxide resource was completed to obtain samples for metallurgical analysis of the deposit and to carry out the necessary extension drilling in areas where the projection of the central higher grade core of the deposit was not adequately drilled.

The first of the extension test drill holes, POD-05-04, returned 60 feet of 0.212 ounces gold per ton (opt) gold, this interval occurs within a 110 feet section of 0.134 opt at a depth of 100 feet using a 0.010 ounce per ton cutoff. This drill hole indicates that the higher grade core of mineralization may be extended from the upper part of the Webb siltstone where the open pit measured resource has been delineated, down into the lower Webb contact zone with the underlying Devils Gate limestone as it occurs within the adjoining Rain District, according to Qualified Person, Timothy Master.

This drill hole extends the thicker zone of higher grade gold mineralization by approximately 100 feet toward the west and will result in the expansion of the near surface measured resource in this area. Additionally, these results indicate an improvement in grade and thickness in an untested area toward the northwest of the measured resource, representing a deeper continuation of the current near surface oxide resource. This contention is supported by an exploration drill hole completed approximately 600 feet northwest of the open pit oxide resource that returned 105 feet of 0.121 opt gold at a depth of 305 feet that includes 35 feet of 0.266 opt gold. There appears to be no change in the mineralization cut in drill hole POD-05-04 and the deeper intercept indicating potential for a deeper continuation of this mineralization.

There is potential to expand the interval of quality gold-silver mineralization into the untested lower Webb and upper Devils Gate formations to depth northwest of the current POD deposit. This is one of the high priority areas for exploration drilling in the Railroad area for 2006.

The data collected as a result of this latest drilling and trenching included the completion of four water monitoring wells. Dyer Engineering is utilizing this data as part of the environmental permit work that will include the completion of the Plan of Operation report this month in preparation for a preliminary review by State and Federal regulators.

Currently Kappes Cassiday and Associates of Reno, Nevada is engaged in metallurgical testing to include column leach testing of the trench and drill cutting samples for the POD prospect. Assays for this series of drill holes were completed by the inhouse assayer at the Company's assay lab at the Goldwedge project. Check assays were completed by American Assay laboratory of Reno, Nevada. The comparable analyses of these data for POD-05-04 indicate very good correlation of assay results as follows:

Interval (feet depth)	Company Lab (2 assays of splits, 1 and 2 splits averaged)	Commercial Lab Split 1 pulp
95-100	0.002	0.001
120-125	0.055	0.055
145-150	0.142	0.147
160-165	0.220	0.222
185-190	0.602	0.350
195-200	0.020	0.018
220-225	0.009	0.006

RSM is a Nevada gold-silver exploration company with eight (8) active projects in the State. Currently the Company's 100% controlled Goldwedge project located in Nye County is its most advanced project.

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