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# Skeena Intersects 44.10 g/t Gold over 1.50 Metres at Snip

Upper Twin Zone Also Yields 8.06 g/t Gold over 8.00 Metres

Vancouver, BC (January 30, 2018) Skeena Resources Limited (TSX.V: SKE) ("Skeena" or the "Company") is pleased to announce results from the final 12 holes of the 62-hole diamond drill program completed at the Company's Snip gold project ("Snip") located in the Golden Triangle of British Columbia.

## Drilling Highlights:

- **10.02g/t Au over 4.15 m** (UG17-049)
- 9.21g/t Au over 5.88 m (UG17-050)
- **44.10g/t Au over 1.50 m** (UG17-051)
- **9.20g/t Au over 2.66 m** (UG17-052)
- 17.78g/t Au over 1.25 m (UG17-052)
- 16.69g/t Au over 1.20 m (UG17-052)
- 15.15g/t Au over 1.40 m (UG17-058)
- **8.06g/t Au over 8.00 m** (UG17-059)
- 14.50g/t Au over 2.50 m (UG17-060)

Cross sections and drill hole data are available on the Company's <u>website</u>. A detailed table of length-weighted gold assay composites is presented at the end of this news release.

## **Upper Twin Zone Expanded to Depth**

Drilling on the eastern portion of the Upper Twin Zone continues to establish grade and geological continuity as demonstrated by 2017 underground drill hole UG17-059 which intersected **8.06 g/t Au over 8.00 m** including **14.88 g/t Au over 3.32 m**, and is located 50 m down-dip of previously reported drill hole UG17-062 which intersected two separate zones in the Upper Twin Zone grading **91.56 g/t Au over 3.82 m** and **8.71 g/t Au over 5.00 m**. Drillholes UG17-049 and UG17-050 have also successfully expanded the down-dip extension of the of the Upper Twin Zone with intersections of **10.02 g/t Au over 4.15 m** and **9.21 g/t Au over 5.88 m**, respectively. Down-dip of these intersections, a 100-m undrilled gap of high potential exists as defined by the nearest drill hole (UG-56) drilled during 1988 which intersected 14.73 g/t Au over 4.00 m. In this area, the Twin Zone remains untested by drilling below this depth and is open for expansion.

## 412 Footwall Drilling

Confirmation drilling in the 412 Zone has returned positive results including UG17-051 which intersected **44.10 g/t Au over 1.50 m** and UG17-052 which averaged **9.20 g/t Au over 2.66 m**. The 412 Zone represents a series of vertically dipping extensional veins located in the footwall of the Twin Zone.





A Phase 2 underground drill program is expected to commence in February that will focus on further defining the Twin, Upper Twin and 412 Zones as well as exploring the newly defined 200 Footwall targets. Plans will be announced shortly.

## **Quality Assurance and Quality Control**

A rigorous chain-of-custody and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program, consisting of the insertion of certified standard control samples, duplicates and blanks, was applied to the NQ 1.87-inch (47.6 mm) diameter, sawn half-core samples. Sample preparation and analyses for 2017 samples were completed at Activation Labs in Kamloops, B.C. Gold is determined by 50-gram fire assay followed by an atomic absorption finish, or by gravimetric finish for samples over 10 g/t Au. Silver and other elements are determined by an ICP analysis following aqua regia digestion. Samples with over 100 g/t Ag, 0.5% Pb or 1% Zn are re-analyzed by a 4-acid digestion followed by ICP-OES.

#### **Qualified Persons**

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Skeena's Chief Geologist, Ron Nichols, P.Eng., a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

#### About Skeena

Skeena Resources Limited is a junior Canadian mining exploration company focused on developing prospective precious and base metal properties in the Golden Triangle of northwest British Columbia, Canada. The Company's primary activities are the exploration and development of the past-producing Snip mine and the recently optioned Eskay Creek mine, both acquired from Barrick. In addition, the Company is performing preliminary exploration on the past-producing Porter Idaho silver mine and has completed a Preliminary Economic Assessment on the Spectrum-GJ copper-gold porphyry project.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Skeena Resources Limited,

Walter Coles Jr. President & CEO

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## **Snip 2017 Underground Drill Hole Assays**

SECTION	HOLE #	FROM	то	LENGTH (M)	AU g/t	TARGET
4860-412	UG17-058	45.85	47.25	1.40	15.15	Twin Zone
		51.80	53.42	1.62	7.84	
	UG17-060	43.00	46.00	3.00	4.84	Twin Zone
		77.50	80.00	2.50	14.50	
	UG17-061	94.00	94.50	0.50	11.60	412 Zone
		120.80	121.30	0.50	15.50	
4900-412	UG17-046	41.80	44.44	2.64	6.99	Twin Zone
		69.60 69.60	70.85 70.10	1.25 0.50	7.89 16.60	including
		<b>76.75</b>	70.10 77.25	0.50	36.80	including
		70.75	77.25	0.50	30.80	
	UG17-047	55.00	56.50	1.50	6.79	Twin
		63.09	65.00	1.91	3.61	
	UG17-048	61.50	63.00	1.50	6.53	Twin
		68.50	70.00	1.50	4.74	
	UG17-049	58.50	59.00	0.50	31.50	
		105.50 105.50	109.65 106.00	4.15 0.50	10.02 46.30	Twin incl.
		109.15	109.65	0.50	36.60	incl.
	UG17-050	104.50	106.00	1.50	8.63	Twin Zone
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		113.12	119.00	5.88	9.21	Twin Zone
		114.30 <b>116.50</b>	114.90 <b>117.00</b>	0.60 <b>0.50</b>	11.20	incl. incl.
		118.40	117.00	0.60	<b>59.50</b> 12.70	incl.
	UG17-051	75.12	75.80	0.68	6.35	412 Zone





		88.50	90.00	1.50	44.10	
		105.00	105.50	0.50	5.20	
		138.15	138.65	0.50	5.40	
	UG17-052	83.60	86.26	2.66	9.20	412 Zone
		93.90	95.15	1.25	17.78	
		113.70	114.90	1.20	16.69	
	UG17-057	34.50	36.00	1.50	5.09	412 Zone
		79.00	79.50	0.50	5.15	
		101.50	103.00	1.50	5.38	
		104.82	106.07	1.25	5.91	
4930-550	UG17-059	59.50	61.00	1.50	4.78	
		115.00	123.00	8.00	8.06	Upper Twin
		115.00	118.32	3.32	14.88	incl.

Notes: All values are un-cut. Drill intercepts are core length as there is insufficient data available to present true widths.

