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## **Skeena Signs Definitive Agreement on Eskay Creek**

Vancouver, BC (August 4, 2020) Skeena Resources Limited (TSX.V: SKE, OTCQX: SKREF) ("Skeena" or the "Company") has signed the Definitive Agreement with Barrick Gold Corporation's wholly-owned subsidiary, Barrick Gold Inc. ("Barrick"), pursuant to which Skeena will acquire 100% of the Eskay Creek gold-silver project ("Eskay Creek" or the "Project") located in the Golden Triangle of northwest British Columbia, Canada. As a result of this transaction, Barrick will become a significant shareholder in Skeena.

Skeena's CEO, Walter Coles Jr. commented, "We were encouraged by the positive market reaction to the announcement of the binding term sheet in respect to the Eskay Creek transaction with Barrick and are delighted to now announce the signing of the Definitive Agreement. On closing, Skeena will gain 100% ownership and operatorship of Eskay Creek, which we hope to revitalize as an open-pit gold-silver mine. Skeena is honoured to have Barrick as an important shareholder in the Company going forward."

The Definitive Agreement formalizes the terms agreed to in the binding term sheet dated July 5, 2020 in which Skeena and Barrick agreed to amend the terms of the original option agreement. For further details on the transaction, please refer to the Company's press release dated <u>July 6, 2020</u>.

Closing of the transaction is expected to follow within the fourth quarter of 2020, subject to customary conditions, including certain government approvals and the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

## **About Skeena**

Skeena Resources Limited is a junior Canadian mining exploration company focused on developing prospective precious 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 Eskay Creek gold-silver mine. The Company released a robust Preliminary Economic Assessment in late 2019 and is currently focused on infill and exploration drilling at Eskay Creek to advance the project to Pre-feasibility. Skeena is also exploring the past-producing Snip gold mine.

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

Walter Coles Jr. President & CEO

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