

# Skeena Intersects 45.76 g/t Au over 5.60 metres at Snip Gold Project

**Vancouver, BC (April 27, 2021) Skeena Resources Limited** (TSX: **SKE**, OTCQX: **SKREF**) ("Skeena" or the "Company") is pleased to report diamond drill core results from the 2020-2021 campaign of exploration drilling at the Snip gold project ("Snip" or the "Project") located in the Golden Triangle of British Columbia. The exploratory program was focused upon resource expansion and delineating additional mineralization in previously unexplored areas of the near mine environment. The surface-based program was comprised of ten drill holes totaling 5,366 metres. Reference images are presented at the end of this release as well as on the Company's <u>website</u>.

## **Snip Drilling Highlights:**

- 45.40 g/t Au over 0.50 m (S20-047)
- 45.76 g/t Au over 5.60 m (S20-049)
- 29.52 g/t Au over 4.03 m (S20-049)
- 37.78 g/t Au over 2.86 m (S20-049)

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## Additional Mineralization Established Below Twin Zone

Situated in the footwall sediments below the Twin Zone, two new occurrences of high-grade, veinhosted gold mineralization have been discovered during the 2020-2021 exploration program. Drill hole S20-049 intersected a previously unidentified zone averaging 29.52 g/t Au over 4.03 m including 65.60 g/t Au over 1.14 m and 31.10 g/t Au over 1.03 m. The second zone occurs 20 m further downhole averaging 37.78 g/t Au over 2.86 m including 29.60 g/t Au over 1.32 m and 44.80 g/t Au over 1.54 m. These new intercepts occur in an area devoid of previous drilling and are open for expansion. The same drill hole also predictably intersected the known Twin Zone mineralization which graded 45.76 g/t Au over 5.60 m including 41.80 g/t Au over 0.90 m and 177.00 g/t Au over 1.16 m.

## New Mineralization Discovered Below Current Resources

Exploratory drill hole S21-054 has intersected two new occurrences of footwall vein mineralization 530 m vertically below surface and 250 m downdip of existing resources averaging 5.82 g/t Au over 2.00 m and 12.40 g/t Au over 1.20 m. Due to the absence of any previous drilling in this new area, this discovery opens an entire area for potential resource expansion.

## About Skeena

Skeena Resources Limited is a Canadian mining exploration company focused on revitalizing the pastproducing Eskay Creek gold-silver mine located in Tahltan Territory in the Golden Triangle of northwest British Columbia, Canada. The Company released a robust Preliminary Economic Assessment in late 2019 and is currently focused on infill and exploration drilling to advance Eskay Creek to full Feasibility by Q1 2022. Additionally, Skeena continues exploration programs at the pastproducing Snip gold mine.





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

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## **Qualified Persons**

Exploration activities at Snip are administered on site by the Company's Exploration Managers, Raegan Markel, P.Geo. and John Tyler, P.Geo. In accordance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, Paul Geddes, P.Geo. Vice President Exploration and Resource Development, is the Qualified Person for the Company and has prepared, validated and approved the technical and scientific content of this news release. The Company strictly adheres to CIM Best Practices Guidelines in conducting, documenting, and reporting the exploration activities on its projects.

## Quality Assurance – Quality Control

Once received from the drill and processed, all drill core samples are sawn in half, labelled and bagged. The remaining drill core is subsequently securely stored on site. Numbered security tags are applied to lab shipments for chain of custody requirements. The Company inserts quality control (QC) samples at regular intervals in the sample stream, including blanks and reference materials with all sample shipments to monitor laboratory performance. The QAQC program was designed and approved by Lynda Bloom, P.Geo. of Analytical Solutions Ltd., and is overseen by the Company's Qualified Person, Paul Geddes, P.Geo, Vice President Exploration and Resource Development.

Drill core samples are submitted to ALS Geochemistry's analytical facility in North Vancouver, British Columbia for preparation and analysis. The ALS facility is accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard for gold assays and all analytical methods include quality control materials at set frequencies with established data acceptance criteria. The entire sample is crushed and 1 kg is pulverized. Analysis for gold is by 50 g fire assay fusion with atomic absorption (AAS) finish with a lower limit of 0.01 ppm and upper limit of 100 ppm. Samples with gold assays greater than 100 ppm are re-analyzed using a 50 g fire assay fusion with gravimetric finish. Analysis for silver is by 50 g fire assay fusion with gravimetric finish. Analysis for silver is by 50 g fire assay fusion with gravimetric finish of 10,000 ppm. Samples with silver assays greater than 10,000 ppm are re-analyzed using a gravimetric silver concentrate method. A selected number of samples are also analyzed using a 48 multi-element geochemical package by a 4-acid digestion, followed by Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES) and Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES) finish. Samples with sulfur reporting greater than 10% from the multi-element analysis are re-analyzed for total sulfur by Leco furnace and infrared spectroscopy.

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Table 1: Snip 2020-2021 Drilling Campaign; Length-Weighted Drill Hole	Gold
Composites:	

Hole-ID	From (m)	To (m)	Core Length (m)	Au (g/t)
S20-045				ABANDONED
S20-046	265.90	267.07	1.17	1.04
S20-047	153.50	154.40	0.90	3.52
S20-047	190.70	191.20	0.50	45.40
S20-048	206.50	208.00	1.50	5.10
S20-049	214.74	220.34	5.60	45.76
Including	214.74	215.64	0.90	41.80
and	219.18	220.34	1.16	177.00
S20-049	277.00	281.03	4.03	29.52
Including	277.86	279.00	1.14	65.60
and	280.00	281.03	1.03	31.10
S20-049	299.00	301.86	2.86	37.78
Including	299.00	300.32	1.32	29.60
and	300.32	301.86	1.54	44.80
S20-049	363.00	364.00	1.00	3.27
S20-049	476.06	477.30	1.24	2.06
S20-050	44.35	45.25	0.90	8.03
S20-050	336.00	337.50	1.50	4.56
S20-051	493.15	493.65	0.50	2.31
S20-052	426.25	427.25	1.00	14.65
S20-052	452.25	452.75	0.50	2.89
S20-052	593.50	595.00	1.50	6.46
S20-053	349.00	350.50	1.50	2.36
S20-053	395.00	397.00	2.00	6.18
S20-053	399.00	400.00	1.00	3.55
S20-053	428.85	429.40	0.55	14.10
S20-053	434.05	435.50	1.45	2.09
S20-053	437.00	438.50	1.50	2.49
S20-053	502.28	504.17	1.89	9.99
Including	502.28	503.00	0.72	22.10
S20-053	556.50	557.50	1.00	23.60
S20-053	564.00	565.50	1.50	4.01
S21-054	463.26	465.50	2.24	2.84
S21-054	467.13	467.89	0.76	17.10
S21-054	477.00	479.70	2.70	1.79
S21-054	539.00	540.00	1.00	2.80
S21-054	631.00	633.00	2.00	5.82
S21-054	659.30	660.50	1.20	12.40

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Hole-ID	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Elevation (m)	Length (m)	Azimuth (°)	Dip (°)
S20-045	4212.0	1971.8	282.0	36.0	0.0	-75.0
S20-046	4212.0	1971.8	282.0	347.0	0.0	-60.0
S20-047	4212.0	1971.8	282.0	341.0	0.0	-45.0
S20-048	4212.0	1971.8	278.0	398.0	0.0	-75.0
S20-049	4633.4	1880.6	521.0	519.0	0.0	-60.0
S20-050	4633.4	1880.6	521.0	555.0	0.0	-45.0
S20-051	4852.3	1783.2	724.0	852.0	0.0	-70.0
S20-052	4852.3	1783.2	724.0	777.0	0.0	-47.0
S20-053	4852.3	1783.2	724.0	717.0	0.0	-53.0
S21-054	4852.0	1783.0	724.0	824.0	340.0	-65.0

### Table 2: Mine Grid Drill Hole Locations and Orientations:

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