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3T's PROGRESS REPORT AND TROUT PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Southern Rio Resources (the "Company") is pleased to provide a progress report on its current diamond drilling program on the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project located 120 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, BC. The 3T's project covers 34 square kilometres, and consists of three contiguous properties, Tsacha, Tam and Taken. Drilling on the Ted Vein on the Tam Property has encountered significant gold and silver mineralization in the two holes for which assays have been received. Detailed assays, a drill plan and cross sections will be posted on the Company's website www.southernrio.com.

Hole TT-16, drilled on the same section as hole TT-11, is the deepest intersection on the Ted Vein to date, returning an intersection of 28.0 metres grading 3.78 grams/tonne (0.11 oz/t) gold and 137.5 grams/tonne (4.01 oz/t) silver, for a gold equivalent grade of 6.07 grams/tonne (0.18 oz/t) using a 60:1 silver to gold ratio. The estimated true width of the intersection is approximately 12 metres, and it is located 65 metres below the TT-11 intersection which returned 11.35 metres grading 1.43 grams/tonne (0.04 oz/t) gold and 360.2 (10.5 oz/t) gram/tonne silver (gold equivalent grade of 7.43 grams/tonne or 0.22 oz/t). A higher grade portion of the TT-16 intersection returned 16.0 metres (estimated true width 6.9 metres) grading 5.96 grams/tonne (0.17 oz/t) gold and 136.6 grams/tonne (4.0 oz/t) silver (gold equivalent grade of 8.24 grams/tonne or 0.24 oz/t).

Holes TT-14 and TT-15 were drilled on a section located 85 metres north along strike of the Ted Vein from hole TT-16. Hole TT-14 intersected intrusive diorite in the projected position of the Ted Vein, while Hole TT-15 intersected the Ted Vein cut by a diorite dyke. The 10 metre portion of the Ted Vein below the dyke assayed 1.08 grams/tonne (0.03 oz/t) gold and 198.6 grams/tonne (5.8 oz/t) silver, for a gold equivalent grade of 4.39 grams/tonne (0.13 oz/t). Estimated true width of this intersection is approximately 7.5 metres.

The style and character of the Ted Vein intersections is typical of low sulphidation epithermal vein mineralization, which is the host for many of the most productive precious metal mines around the Pacific "Rim of Fire". Further work to characterize the nature and character of the Ted Vein system and other zones on the 3Ts Project is being carried out under a partnership arrangement with the BC Geological Survey.

Four additional holes spaced at 50 metre intervals have been completed to define Ted Vein along strike to the south. At its southern extent, the mineralization appears to change in character from a discrete epithermal vein to a wide zone of altered volcanics with disseminated sulphides. The drill has now moved to the Mint Zone approximately 600 metres to the north, where six holes are planned to test a second mineralized vein system on the Tam Property

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The Company is very pleased with the recent results, which appear to define significant extensions to the Ted Vein along strike to the south and at depth. The Company will initiate plans for additional drilling once all results from the current program are to hand. Success on the Tam Property adds to the potential of the 3Ts project to host a mineable precious metal deposit, and may lead to definition of additional resources to augment the currently defined inferred resource of 470,700 tonnes grading 7.40 grams/tonne gold and 65.2 grams/tonne silver on the adjoining Tsacha Property located approximately one kilometre to the west of the Ted Vein.

All assays for the current program have been carried out at Eco Tech Laboratories in Kamloops. Check assays will be sent to a second independent laboratory. The field program is being carried out under the supervision of Robert Weicker, P.Geol. and Duncan McIvor, P.Geol., both of whom are Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101.

The Company is also pleased to announce the closing of the transaction to acquire a 100% interest in the Trout Property located in the Nechako Plateau region of central BC. The Company will acquire its interest in the property by issuing a total of 175,000 shares, making cash payments totaling \$25,000 and incurring \$200,000 in exploration expenditures within three years of regulatory acceptance. The vendor will retain a 2% NSR royalty, half of which may be purchased at any time by the Company for \$750,000. No finders' fee is payable in connection with this transaction and all shares issued under the agreement will be subject to a four month hold period from the date of issuance.

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