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**FURTHER POSITIVE TRENCHING RESULTS FROM
ITOGON GOLD PROJECT, PHILIPPINES**

LONDON: 21 JULY 2015 - The directors of ECR Minerals plc (the "Directors") are pleased to announce further positive results from trenching and test pitting at the Itogon epithermal gold project, northern Philippines. Mineralised intervals from the trenching and test pitting are presented in tables 1 and 2 below, which comprise the complete results of the trenching and test pitting programme. The results from trenches TR01, TR03, TR03A, TR04, TR06, TR12, TR13 and all test pits have not previously been reported. Additional results have also been reported in respect of TR05.

Stephen Clayson, Chief Executive Officer of ECR, commented:

"We are pleased to report more strong results from trenching at Itogon, and to present the complete assay results of the programme in the tables below. As previously announced, the results reflect the presence of a widespread supergene enriched oxide gold blanket occurring from surface in the main prospect area at Itogon. It is also apparent from the previously announced results of drilling by ECR that deeper level exploration targets exist below the supergene blanket.

Fieldwork in connection with the planned NI43-101 technical report is expected to commence this week, and will focus on integrating all available data into a geological model which will underpin the planned initial NI43-101 compliant resource and determine the direction of future exploration."

A set of maps pertaining to the exploration results reported today may be viewed at: <http://www.ecrminerals.com/itogon-drill-holes-trenching-test-pitting-july2015>

TABLE 1:		
WEIGHTED AVERAGE GRADE OF ALL SAMPLES		
ECR TRENCHING PROGRAMME 2015		
ITOGON GOLD PROJECT, PHILIPPINES		
Trench	Width	Average Grade
	(m)	(g/t gold)
Trench 01	18	0.05
Trench 02	10	1.39
Trench 03	18	0.55
Trench 03A	8	1.63
Trench 04	67	1.13
Trench 05	72	1.28
Trench 06	27	1.01
Trench 07	47	0.36
Trench 07A	8	0.94
Trench 08	27	0.29
Trench 09	97.6	2.57
Trench 12	20	1.54
Trench 13	11	4.36
Total	430.60	1.38

TABLE 2:
MINERALISED INTERVALS (0.3g/t gold lower cut-off, maximum 1m internal waste)
ECR TRENCHING PROGRAMME 2015, ITOGON GOLD PROJECT, PHILIPPINES

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR02	0	10	10	1.39	4m at 1.73 g/t from 0m, 2m at 1.67 g/t from 8m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR03	0	18	18	0.55	

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR03A	0	8	8	1.63	1m at 2.50 g/t from 0m, 1m at 3.45 g/t from 1m, 1m at 2.02 g/t from 3m, 1m at 1.22 g/t from 4m, 1m at 1.17 g/t from 5m, 1m at 1.11 g/t from 6m, 1m at 1.10 g/t from 7m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR04	1	67	66	1.15	1m at 1.22 g/t from 1m; 1m at 2.84 g/t from 2m; 1m at 2.27 g/t from 3m; 1m at 3.61 g/t from 4m; 1m at 1.66 g/t from 5m; 1m at 4.65 g/t from 6m; 1m at 3.90 g/t from 7m; 1m at 3.00 g/t from 8m; 1m at 1.64 g/t from 9m; 4m at 1.25 g/t from 19m; 4m at 1.63 g/t from 23m; 4m at 1.93 g/t from 27m; 4m at 1.23 g/t from 31m; 1m at 1.11 g/t from 56m; 1m at 1.12 g/t from 60m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR05	0	69	69	1.33	4m at 1.39 g/t from 4m; 4m at 1.40 g/t from 20m; 4m at 1.33 g/t from 24m; 4m at 1.50 g/t from 28m; 5m at 1.83 g/t from 36m; 1m at 1.22 g/t from 41m; 1m at 1.76 g/t from 42m; 1m at 3.83 g/t from 43m; 1m at 4.62 g/t from 44m; 1m at 1.57 g/t from 45m; 1m at 1.11 g/t from 46m; 1m at 4.32 g/t from 48m; 1m at 2.18 g/t from 49m; 1m at 1.32 g/t from 50m; 1m at 2.01 g/t from 51m; 1m at 2.07 g/t from 57m; 1m at 1.47 g/t from 58m; 1m at 1.65 g/t from 59m; 1m at 1.29 g/t from 61m; 1m at 1.79 g/t from 63m; 1m at 3.79 g/t from 64m; 1m at 3.27 g/t from 66m

	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
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Trench ID			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR06	0	27	27	1.01	1m at 1.29 g/t from 7m; 2m at 1.28 g/t from 15m; 2m at 1.22 g/t from 17m; 2m at 2.06 g/t from 19m; 4m at 1.87 g/t from 23m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR07	5	6	1	0.45	
	17	20	3	0.77	
	25	28	3	0.71	1m at 1.44 g/t from 25m
	31	35	4	0.77	1m at 1.80 g/t from 33m
	37	38	1	0.39	
	43	47	4	0.90	

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR07A	0	8	8	0.94	4m at 1.74 g/t from 4m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR08	2	10	8	0.48	1m at 1.11 g/t from 9m
	12	15	3	0.43	
	24	26	2	0.47	

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR09	1	61	60	2.43	1m at 5.33 g/t from 2m; 1m at 2.34 g/t from 7m; 1m at 16.74 g/t from 10m; 1m at 1.14 g/t from 13m; 1m at 2.44 g/t from 18m; 1m at 1.18 g/t from 21m; 1m at 1.21 g/t from 25m; 1m at 42.29 g/t from 28m; 1m at 8.78 g/t from 29m; 1m at 1.32 g/t from 31m; 1m at 4.51 g/t from 34m; 1m at 5.11 g/t from 40m; 1m at 1.24 g/t from 41m; 1m at 2.32 g/t from 47m; 1m at 1.60 g/t from 48; 1m at 1.23 g/t from 49m; 1m at 2.27 g/t from 52m; 4m at 6.81 g/t from 53m
TR09	69	97.6	28.6	3.61	2m at 1.23 g/t from 77m; 1m at 1.15 g/t from 79; 1m at 2.78 from 81m; 1m at 79.67 g/t from 84m; 2.6m at 1.07 g/t from 95m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR12	0	30	30	1.54	4m at 1.27 g/t from 0m; 4m at 1.69 g/t from 4m; 4m at 1.78 g/t from 12m; 4m at 1.76 g/t from 16m; 4m at 2.54 g/t from 20m; 1m at 1.63 g/t from 24m; 1m at 1.28 g/t from 25m

Trench ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	

TR13	0	9	9	3.53	1m at 6.02 g/t from 0m; 1m at 5.66 g/t from 1m; 1m at 1.39 g/t from 2m; 1m at 2.41 g/t from 3m; 1m at 5.81 g/t from 5m; 1m at 1.75 g/t from 6m; 1m at 7.46 g/t from 7m
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Test Pit ID	From	To	Width	Average Grade	Including
			(m)	(g/t Au)	
TR01 TP03	0	1	1	0.46	
TR02 TP01	0	1	1	0.86	1.44 g/t from lower sample
TR02 TP02	0	1	1	0.56	
TR02 TP03	0	1	1	1.06	1.24 g/t from upper sample
TR03 TP01	0	1	1	0.46	
TR03 TP02	0	1	1	1.38	1.84 g/t from lower sample
TR04 TP01	0	1	1	0.32	
TR04 TP02	0	1	1	2.23	2.61 g/t from upper sample and 1.86 g/t from lower sample
TR06 TP02	0	1	1	1.40	1.41 g/t from upper sample and 1.39 g/t from lower sample

NB:

Mineralised intervals from trenches presented in Table 2 were calculated as weighted averages using a lower cut-off grade of 0.30 g/t gold and a maximum of 1m internal dilution. The grade of each single sample which exceeded 1.00 g/t gold has been reported separately. Test pits were sampled by two separate 1m channel samples with a minimum 1m difference in elevation. No top cut has been applied in calculating the mineralised intervals in tables 1 and 2, and all widths given are apparent width.

QA/QC

A secure chain of custody was maintained in the transport and storage of all samples, which were shipped to and analysed by Intertek Testing Services Philippines, Inc. (“Intertek”), an internationally accredited independent analytical laboratory in Metro Manila. Sampling was carried out under geological supervision. Upon arrival at Intertek samples were sorted, dried (if necessary), crushed, split and pulverised. The method of analysis for gold was fire assay (50g charge) with AAS finish.

QA/QC measures including the use of certified standards were implemented by ECR and separately by Intertek in relation to the analysis of the samples. The assay data reported is considered acceptable in the context of these measures. Assay values have been expressed in this news release as g/t gold but are received from Intertek expressed as ppm gold. For the purposes hereof ppm gold and g/t can be considered equivalent.

The contents of this announcement have been reviewed by Dr Chris Wilson PhD, FAusIMM (CP), FSEG, a geologist with the consultancy Exploration Alliance, which has been engaged by ECR in connection with the Itogon project.

ABOUT ECR

ECR is a mineral exploration and development company with the right to earn a 50% interest in the Itogon epithermal gold project in the Philippines. Itogon is an advanced exploration project located in a prolific gold and copper mining district in the north of the Philippines.

ECR has a 100% interest in the SLM gold project in La Rioja Province, Argentina. Exploration at SLM has focused on identifying small tonnage mesothermal gold deposits which may be suitable for relatively near term production.

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GLOSSARY

AAS:	atomic absorption spectroscopy
assay:	a test performed on a sample of ores or minerals to determine the amount of valuable metals contained
NI43-101:	Canadian National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects
epithermal:	mineralisation produced by near surface hydrothermal fluids related to igneous activity; originally defined as having formed in the range 50-300°C
g:	grams
g/t:	grams per tonne
m:	metre
oxidation:	a chemical reaction caused by exposure to oxygen that results in a change in the chemical composition of a mineral

oxide gold blanket:	said of gold that has been liberated from sulphides during the process of oxidation to form a surficial, sub-horizontal to horizontal zone or 'blanket'
ppm:	parts per million
supergene enrichment:	said of a mineral deposit formed at or just below the Earth's surface, generally through downward percolation of rainwater, resulting in liberation of gold through oxidation of sulphides, and its concentration and enrichment within a given horizon
t:	tonne
test pit:	a pit dug through the upper parts of the soil profile or overburden to expose bedrock veins and structures
trench:	a long, narrow excavation dug through the upper parts of the soil profile or overburden to expose bedrock veins and structures