

Abacus Names New Advisor

Vancouver, BC – December 8, 2020. Abacus Mining & Exploration Corporation (“Abacus” or the “Company”) (TSXV: AME) is pleased to announce that Dr. Adrian King has joined the Company as an advisor to management and to the Board.

Adrian has recently retired as Head of Global Exploration after a 35-year career with Teck Resources Ltd. and its predecessor companies. During that time, Adrian gained global experience in exploration and management including extended periods based in London, Brussels, Santiago, Spokane and Vancouver. His responsibilities at Teck covered projects of all stages from generative through to evaluations, including commercial and resource-reserve definition (greenfield and brownfield).

Adrian holds a B.Sc. and Ph.D. from the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London, UK. He has authored and co-authored several scientific papers and was a member of a number of discovery teams including Black Angel Plateau, Greenland; Anarraaq and Aktigirug, Red Dog; Cerattepe, Agi Dagi, Kirazli, Halilaga, Demir and TV Tower in Turkey.

“I am very pleased that Adrian has consented to join our advisory board” commented Paul G. Anderson, President of Abacus. *“I have known Adrian for many years, and I look forward to utilizing his experience and insights to collaborate on our existing projects and on any new properties that the Company may consider acquiring in the future”*.

In conjunction with his appointment, the Company has granted stock options to Dr. King, allowing for the acquisition of up to, in the aggregate, 100,000 shares of the Company at \$0.16 per share for a period of five years from the date of grant. The issuance is made under the Company’s approved stock option plan and is subject to regulatory policies.

Abacus holds two exploration-stage projects, the Jersey Valley gold project and the Willow copper-molybdenum property, both in Nevada, as well as the advanced stage Ajax copper-gold project in B.C.

The Company holds a lease on Jersey Valley within the Battle Mountain trend of north-central Nevada in close proximity to both the Phoenix/Fortitude mine complex (a gold skarn with approximately 14 Moz gold plus significant Ag and Cu past production and a proposed mine life to 2063) and the Cove/McCoy Mine (a Carlin-type gold deposit with 3.4 Moz gold and 110 Moz Ag past production). Data is from the Newmont Mines and Premier Gold Mines websites. The reader is cautioned that the mineralization hosted on nearby properties is not necessarily indicative of mineralization hosted on the Company’s Jersey Valley gold property.

The Company also holds options and leases on the Willow and adjacent Nev-Lorraine copper-molybdenum properties in the Yerington copper camp, southeast of Reno, Nevada. Drilling by the Company in 2018 intersected a key intrusive rock unit on Willow that hosts all known porphyry Cu-Mo deposits at Yerington. This rock unit was not previously known to exist on the Company’s property, and it represents a key new discovery. The target is large and robust, and it remains essentially untested.

Abacus also has a 20% ownership interest in the Ajax copper-gold project, located near Kamloops, British Columbia which is managed by base metal major KGHM Polska Miedź S.A., who hold the remaining 80%. Ajax contains significant quantities of copper and gold, within a NI 43-101 Proven and Probable Mineral Reserve of 426 Mt at 0.29% Cu, 0.19 g/t Au and 0.39 g/t Ag. Contained metal is in the order of 2.7 Bil lbs Cu, 2.6 Moz Au and 5.3 Moz Ag. (*Wardrop Engineering Inc. 2012. Ajax Copper/Gold Project, Kamloops, British Columbia – Feasibility Study Technical Report. Doc. No. 1054610300-REP-R0004-02. January 2012*).

The Ajax Project underwent a joint provincial and federal environmental review starting in 2011, which culminated in the decision by the B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to decline to issue an environmental assessment certificate for the Project in December of 2017. KGHM has recently opened a new Kamloops office for Ajax project following the appointment in September of a new Ajax Superintendent, who has begun the task of First Nation, community and governmental engagement, potentially geared towards resubmitting the environmental application.

The technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Paul G. Anderson, M.Sc., P.Geo., a Qualified Person within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101.

On Behalf of the Board,
ABACUS MINING & EXPLORATION CORPORATION

Paul G. Anderson
President and COO

About Abacus

Abacus is a mineral exploration and mine development company currently focused on its optioned Willow copper-gold property located near Yerington, Nevada in which it can acquire up to a 75% ownership interest, and the contiguous Nev-Lorraine claims subject to a ten-year lease agreement. The Company also holds a 20% ownership interest, together with KGHM Polska Miedź S.A. (80%), in the proposed copper-gold Ajax Mine located southwest of Kamloops, B.C., which has recently undergone a joint provincial and federal environmental assessment process. On December 14, 2017, a decision was made by the B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to decline to issue an environmental assessment certificate for the Project. For the latest reports and information on Abacus' projects, please refer to the Company's website at www.amemining.com.

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