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PRESS RELEASE

BLACKTHORN RESOURCES CONFIRMS MUMBWA JORC INFERRED RESOURCE ESTIMATE REMAINS VALID

Blackthorn Resources Limited (ASX: BTR) (“the Company” or “Blackthorn Resources”) wishes to confirm that the JORC inferred resource estimate for Kitumba, part of the Mumbwa joint venture (“JV”) Project in Zambia, is unaffected by recent issues reported in the announcement made by the Company on 13 December 2010 relating to uncertainty in gold assay grades from Phase 4 exploration drill hole MUM0008BD.

The Kitumba mineral resource evaluation that was initiated by Blackthorn Resources and reported as an Inferred Mineral Resource to market on 19 November 2009 was carried out using a different laboratory, with analytical work being conducted in Alaska.

Managing Director Scott Lowe said “*We wish to re-assure investors that the JORC inferred mineral resource estimate for Mumbwa is valid and in no way affected by issues relating to Phase 4. The key value driver at Mumbwa is copper, and not gold. However the recently reported issue regarding assay inaccuracy is a serious concern and we have responded accordingly. We are confident that BHP Billiton is committed to validating Phase 4 data and restoring confidence in the processes for sampling, analysis and reporting drilling results as soon as possible.*”

ATTRIBUTION

The information in this report which relates to Mineral Resources from the Mumbwa JV Project in Zambia has been reviewed and approved for release by Mr Michael R Hall, MBA, MAusIMM, Pr. Sci. Nat. who has 29 years experience in mineral exploration and who is a consultant to the MSA Group and who has sufficient experience in relation to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the “Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves”. Mr Hall has consented to inclusion of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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