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### **New Results Fast Track Conjecture Development**

- **Historical report and data interpretation indicates near-surface mining blocks**
- **Finalising program to confirm historical grades and tonnages**
- **Development plan to reopen upper levels of historical mine Q3, 2012**
- **Potential to use nearby Lakeview mill (2km) for processing**

Black Mountain Resources Limited (ASX: BMZ) is pleased to announce results from a review of historical reports and data on its Conjecture Mine Project in Northern Idaho, USA. Recently the Company acquired a mineral reserve study on the Conjecture Mine that had been completed in 1981. This report set out very detailed historical reserve block information for the mine which had been calculated from available data at that time.

As a result of acquisition of this data, Black Mountain has revised plans for re-opening the Conjecture Mine. Originally Black Mountain had considered undertaking a drill program from surface to confirm the limited historical reserve information that was available. However, with the acquisition of the much greater detailed historical reserve study, Black Mountain believes that confirmation can more readily be accomplished by accessing and mining near-surface blocks and confirming grades and tonnages.

### **Project Development**

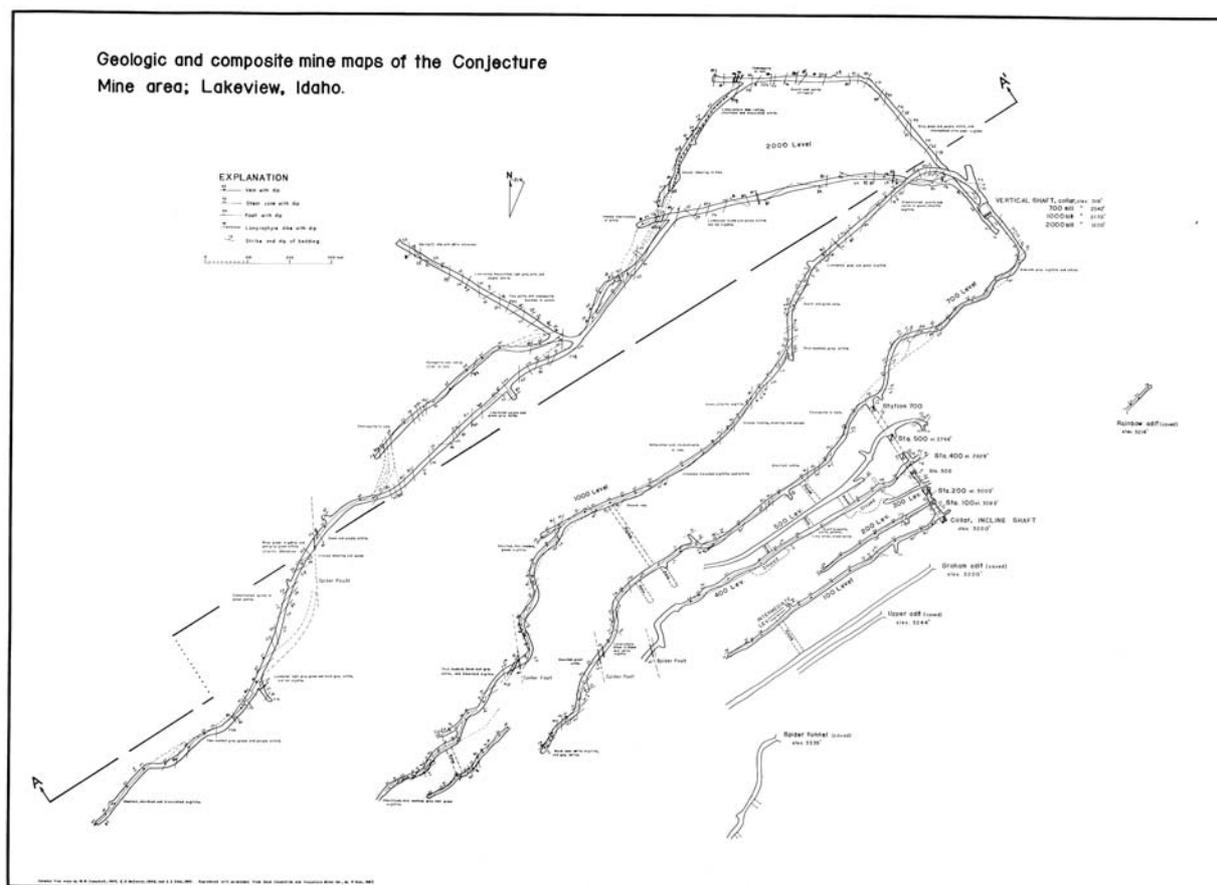
Black Mountain is now planning the drive of an access ramp into the mine to intersect old workings at the 200ft (61m) level. This access will allow testing and initial mining of the historical reserve blocks above and below the 200ft level of the mine. This will open for a block containing approximately 19,000–20,000 tons<sup>1</sup> at an estimated grade of 250-300 grams Ag per ton<sup>1</sup> above or at the 200ft (61m) level. The historical report also identifies a block for between 16,000-17,000 tons<sup>1</sup> is available at an estimated grade of 290-320 grams Ag per ton<sup>1</sup> between the 200ft (61m) level and 400ft (122m) level of the mine.

1. These estimates of potential quantity and grade are based on historical reports and are conceptual in nature. There is insufficient exploration to define Mineral Resource and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource.

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The Company has also gained access to the original level maps and cross sections of the mine which have detailed historical sampling and assay results, and show all of the underground workings and other details.

Mr. John Ryan, Black Mountain Executive Director commented, *“Access to this data has accelerated considerably our plan for the Conjecture Mine. We are now able to develop plans to reopen the upper levels of the mine this coming June/July while our original plan had called for this development work in 2013. Additionally the data greatly improves our confidence of the presence of high grade silver ore in the mine which we previously only had limited information on. We are very excited to begin our work at the mine site once snowpack has receded sufficient for us to gain access.”*



In terms of funding, total budget amounts remain the same but Conjecture will assume the \$1.5 million allocated to the Tabor mine and its \$500,000 allocation will be used for exploration work at the Tabor mine. As announced on 23 March 2012, Black Mountain has commenced development at its New Departure mine.

Black Mountain is also presently negotiating terms for a milling contract with Shoshone Silver/Gold Mining Company at the nearby Lakeview Mill. This mill is a flotation mill located less than 2 kilometres from the Conjecture Mine and is fully permitted and, with some improvements, will be capable of milling the ores once mining is initiated.

For and on behalf of the Board



**Peter Landau**  
**Executive Director**

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The information included in this release that relates to historical mining data and exploration targets is based on information compiled by Mr. Gregory Schifrin. Mr. Schifrin has worked as a geologist in exploration and mine development for 29 years in precious and base metal exploration and is a 'Recognized Overseas Professional Organization' ('ROPO') included in a list promulgated by the ASX from time to time. Mr. Schifrin has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking 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. Schifrin consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.