

Ridgestone Announces Option to Acquire 100% Interest in the Advanced-Stage Guadalupe y Calvo Project in Mexico

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - December 17, 2020) - Ridgestone Mining Inc. (**TSXV: RMI**) (**OTCQB: RIGMF**) (**FSE: 4U5**) ("Ridgestone") is pleased to announce it has signed Letter of Intent ("**LOI**") to acquire a 100%-interest in the Guadalupe y Calvo ("**GyC**") gold-silver project from Endeavour Silver Corp. ("**Endeavour**"). The GyC project, which is located in Chihuahua State, Mexico, is host to a significant high-grade gold-silver resource.

Jonathan George, CEO and Director of Ridgestone, commented, "We are excited to acquire a high-quality, high-grade gold-silver project with such a prolific mining history in the Sierra Madre mining district at an accretive value for our shareholders. This acquisition bolsters our Mexican project portfolio, in conjunction with our 100%-owned high-grade Rebeico Gold-Copper project. The addition of the advanced resource-stage GyC project along with an extensive exploration database, provides Ridgestone an excellent opportunity for new discoveries and to further delineate additional high-grade resources."

Guadalupe y Calvo Project Highlights:

- Host to a historical NI 43-101 Indicated Resource of 236,543 gold-equivalent ounces grading 3.95 g/t AuEq plus an Inferred Resource of 16,713 gold-equivalent ounces grading 3.38 g/t AuEq (see Table 1). The resource remains open for expansion along strike and at depth.
- Prolific production history of over 2.0 million ounces of gold and 28.0 million ounces of silver. Historic production limited at depth by water-handling capabilities at the time, not by the absence of high-grade gold-silver mineralization.
- High-grade historic drill results include 4.1 g/t gold plus 281 g/t silver over 2.5 metres
- The mine's main structural feature is the northwest striking Rosario fault complex with a total width of the mineralized zone up to 80 metres. Historic underground mining widths of high-grade gold-silver mineralization were up to 10 metres.

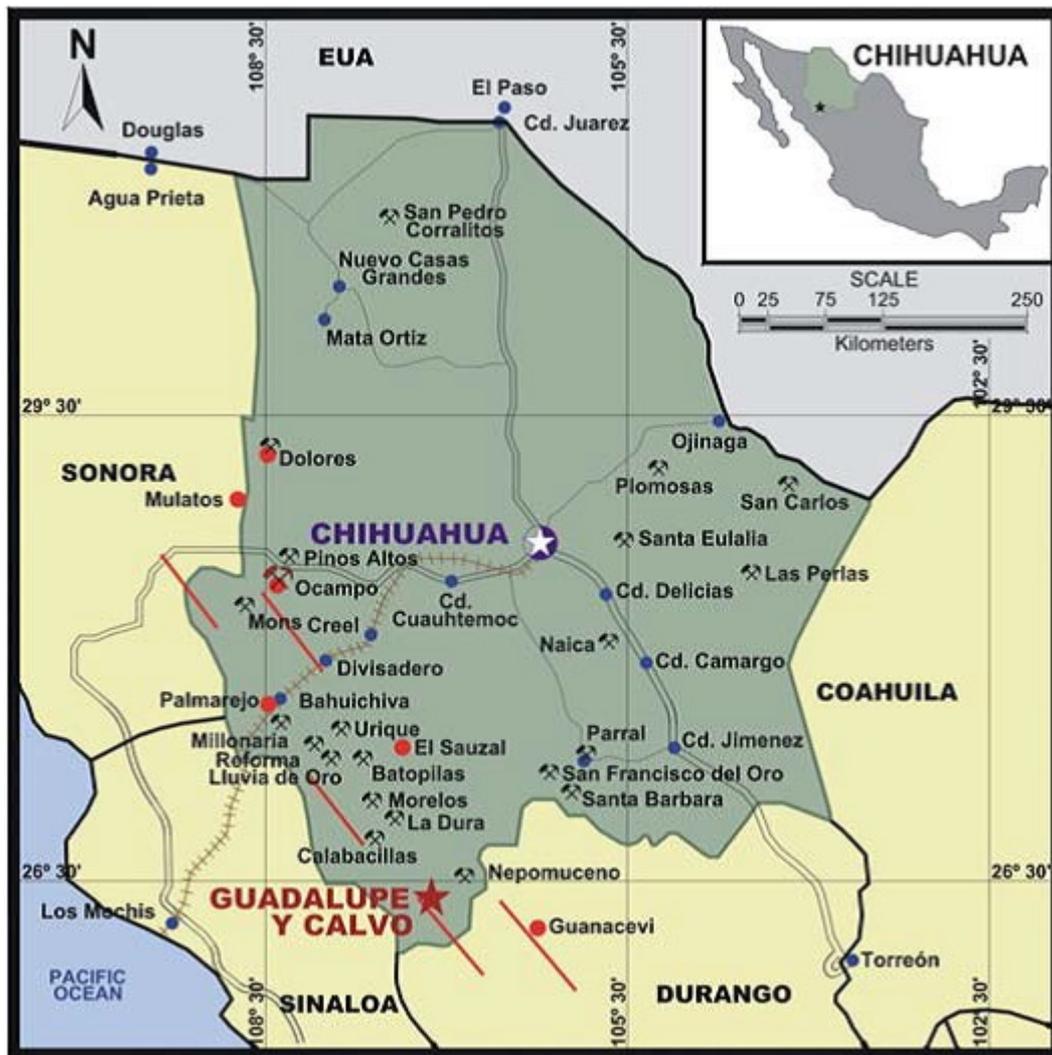


Figure 1: Location Map of the Guadalupe Y Calvo Project

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Category	Tonnes	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Gold (oz)	Silver (oz)	Gold Eq (g/t)	Gold Eq (oz)
Indicated	1,861,000	2.38	119	142,500	7,147,300	3.95	236,543
Inferred	154,000	2.14	94	10,600	464,600	3.38	16,713

Source: 2013 Guadalupe y Calvo Technical Report

Gold equivalency based on US\$1,900/oz and US\$25.00/oz

Table 1: Guadalupe y Calvo 2013 Resource Estimate

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Endeavour Silver Corp. reported in a technical report titled "Technical Report on the audit of the mineral resource estimate for the Guadalupe y Calvo project in Chihuahua State, Mexico" was prepared by Micon International Ltd. as of December 15th, 2012 the above historical mineral resource. For Ridgestone's purposes, the estimate for GyC are considered to be historical estimates under National Instrument 43 101 ("NI 43 101") as they were prepared by Endeavour before Ridgestone entered into the agreement to acquire the projects from Endeavour. A Ridgestone

qualified person has not done sufficient work to date to classify these historical estimates as current mineral resources. Ridgestone is not treating these historical estimates as current and the historical estimates should not be relied upon. The mineral resource was estimated following the CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines, prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by CIM Council on 27 November, 2010. The resource estimate was conducted using the Vulcan mining software to produce a three-dimensional resource model for the Rosario and Nankin veins. A summary of the resources at a cut-off grade of 100 g/t silver equivalent is given in Table 1.

Terms of the Option Agreement

Under the terms of the Option Agreement, Ridgestone has the right to acquire a 100% undivided interest in the project through staged cash and share payments, plus minimum work expenditures, totalling US\$4 million over a four-year period.

Option Agreement Summary Terms

Terms	TSX Approval	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4
Cash (US\$)	50,000	100,000	200,000	300,000	850,000
Shares (US\$)	50,000	350,000	450,000	550,000	350,000
Work (US\$)	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-

Table 2

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Upon completion of the acquisition of a 100% interest in the Property, Ridgestone will grant a 2% Net Smelter Return Royalty (the "NSR") to Endeavour. Ridgestone will have the option to buy back the 2% NSR for US\$2,000,000 prior to the commencement of commercial production.

The Option Agreement is subject to Ridgestone and Endeavour entering into a definitive agreement by December 31st, 2020, which will contain customary closing conditions including TSX Venture Exchange approval.

Non-Brokered Private Placement

The Company also announces a non-brokered private placement of up to 38.0 million units (each a "Unit") at a price of \$0.05 per Unit for gross proceeds of up to \$1.9 million (the "Private Placement"). Each Unit will consist of one common share and one half of one transferable common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "**Warrant**"). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.075 per share for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The Warrants will contain an acceleration provision which will provide that, should the Company's common shares trade at or above \$0.15 for a period of ten or more consecutive trading days (the "**Acceleration Condition**"), the expiry date of the Warrants will be accelerated to 30 days from the date that the Company provides notice (whether by written notice to the holder or the issuance of a press release) that the Acceleration Condition has been satisfied.

In connection with the Private Placement, the Company may issue certain eligible finders (each a "**Finder**") warrants (each a "**Finder's Warrant**") equal to up to 6% of the number of Units placed by the Finder and pay such Finder a fee equal to 6% of the gross proceeds raised by the Finder. Each Finder's Warrant will have the same terms as the Warrants.

The proceeds from the Private Placement will be used to partially fund the Company's obligations under the Option Agreement and for working capital. The securities to be issued under the Private Placement will be subject to a four-month hold period in accordance with applicable securities laws and, if required, the policies of the of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Completion of the Private Placement is subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Qualified Person:

Mr. James Atkinson M. Sc. P. Geo. is the qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical information in this news release.

About Ridgestone Mining Inc.

Ridgestone is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on its wholly-owned, high-grade Rebeico gold-copper project located in Sonora, Mexico.

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