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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# CHAKANA INTERCEPTS 76 M OF 0.93 g/t Au, 1.04% Cu, AND 53.1 g/t Ag AND PROVIDES EXPLORATION UPDATE

Vancouver, B.C., February 7, 2018 – Chakana Copper Corp. (TSX-V: PERU) (the "Company" or "Chakana"), is pleased to provide a general exploration update and announce assays from an additional six holes at its Soledad copper-gold-silver project in central Peru, optioned from Condor Resources Inc. The Soledad project (the "Project") is located 35 km south of the Pierina mine in the prolific Miocene metallogenic belt of Peru. These results are a successful continuation of the drilling program that was initiated August 16, 2017, with the results of the first ten drill holes released previously (see: <a href="www.chakanacopper.com">www.chakanacopper.com</a>).

"The latest results are consistent with the earlier results in confirming the high-grade nature of the mineralization in the first of nine mineralized breccia pipes to be drilled by the company," said President and CEO David Kelley. "We continue to see strong mineralization in the matrix of the breccia (Fig. 1). In addition to the nine confirmed pipes, there are numerous other occurrences of strongly altered andesite with sheeted quartz-sericite-sulfide veining, indicating the possible presence of blind pipes. These will be tested in our drill program throughout the year."

Significant new mineralized intervals from Breccia Pipe #1 are:

	Az	Dip	From	ı - To	Core	Au	Ag	Cu	Zn	Pb	Cu-eq	Au-eq
DDH#			( <b>m</b> )		length (m)	g/t	g/t	%	%	%	%*	g/t*
SDH17-027	190	-65	0.0	12.0	12.0	3.54	78.1					4.56
and			133.4	143.0	9.6	1.60	6.0	0.29			1.39	2.12
and			161.0	168.0	7.0	0.81	49.4	1.93	0.76	0.36	2.88	4.41
SDH17-028	255	-75	0.0	14.0	14.0	4.48	27.3					4.84
and			204.25	231.4	27.15	0.76	74.0	2.51			3.64	5.57
SDH17-029	210	-75	0.0	14.4	14.4	5.84	38.0					6.34
and			94.9	121.0	26.1	0.63	226.6	3.69	0.84	0.76	6.04	9.24
and			133.0	145.0	12.0	0.17	8.5	0.69			0.87	1.34
and			203.0	222.0	19.0	2.01	32.4	1.97			3.56	5.45
SDH17-030	170	-77	0.0	14.0	14.0	3.29	68.6					4.19
and			98.0	118.0	20.0	0.71	18.1	0.44			1.06	1.62
SDH17-031	145	-83	0.0	135.0	135.0	1.02	35.2	0.60			1.57	2.40
including			0.0	59.0	59.0	1.15	12.1					1.31
including			59.0	135.0	76.0	0.93	53.1	1.04			2.10	3.22
SDH17-032	270	-70	0.0	28.0	28.0	3.39	13.0					3.56

<sup>\*</sup> Cu\_eq and Au\_eq values were calculated using copper, gold, and silver. Metal prices utilized for the calculations are Cu – US\$2.90/lb, Au – US\$1,300/oz, and Ag – US\$17/oz. No adjustments were made for recovery as the project is an early stage exploration project and metallurgical data to allow for estimation of recoveries are not yet available. The formulas utilized to calculate equivalent values are Cu\_eq (%) = Cu% + (Au g/t \* 0.6556) + (Ag g/t \* 0.00857) and Au\_eq (g/t) = Au g/t + (Cu% \* 1.5296) + (Ag g/t \* 0.01307). Assays for zinc and lead are not used in the metal equivalent calculations. The true widths of the mineralized intervals reported in this release are difficult to ascertain and additional drilling will be required to constrain the geometry of the mineralized zones.

The focus of the drilling program is to determine the economic potential of several quartz-tourmaline-sulfide breccia pipes that crop out at surface. Phase 1 of the program is ongoing for a total of 9,191m drilled to date of an original planned program of 16,660m. Phase 1 is directed toward pipes #1 and #5 (Bx #1 and Bx #5). Phase 2 is an expanded drill program proposed under a Semi-detailed environmental impact assessment permit (EIA-SD) that was submitted for review to the Ministry of Energy and Mines on December 29, 2017. Phase 2 will allow for additional step-out drilling and testing a number of other pipes and targets identified on the Project.

The pipes form a cluster within 4 km<sup>2</sup> and are spaced between 176m to 625m apart with vertical relief between the pipes of over 500m. Based on detailed mapping, Bx #1 has a surface diameter of approximately 40m and Bx #5 of approximately 50m. Mineralization is open at depth in both pipes based on previous drilling. Drilling is designed to determine the geometry (volume) of the breccia hosted mineralization and the grade. Tourmaline breccia pipes can have diameters that increase at depth, and often have higher grades at the margin of the pipe where permeability of the breccia is highest. Drilling at the Project is designed to test this from surface to 400m depth based on: 1) drilling from a central platform at various azimuths and dip angles to penetrate the margin of the breccia throughout its vertical extent; and 2) from platforms outside the pipe to drill across the breccia body. The six holes being reported were drilled from a central platform. Mineralized intercepts will vary in length due to the shape of the breccia body and the orientation of the drill hole (see Figure 2). For example, shallow holes drilled near the perimeter of the pipe may have shorter intercepts compared to steeper holes. Nonetheless, all holes that intersect mineralized breccia are important for constraining the overall shape and grade of the breccia body. Once a sufficient number of intercepts are obtained and modelled, the overall geometry of the breccia body and the grade profile will become apparent.

## **Sampling and Analytical Procedures**

Chakana follows rigorous sampling and analytical protocols that meet industry standards. Samples for assay are stored in a secured area until transport in batches to the ALS facility in Callao, Lima, Peru. Samples are processed under the control of ALS with the samples including certified reference materials, a coarse and finely-crushed blank and duplicates samples. All samples are analyzed using the ME-MS41 procedure in order to obtain a comprehensive multi-element overview of the geochemistry. Gold is analyzed by ME-MS41 (not considered reliable), AA24 (higher precision) and GRA22 when values exceed 10 g/t. Over limit silver, copper, lead and zinc is analyzed using the OG-46 procedures.

Additional information concerning the Project is available in a technical report prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 made available on Chakana's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

#### **Qualified Person**

David Kelley, an officer and a director of Chakana, and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, reviewed and approved the technical information in this news release.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

(signed) "David Kelley"
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Figure 1 – Core from SDH17-031 for 105.9 to 111.3m showing strong copper mineralization in the matrix of the tourmaline breccia.

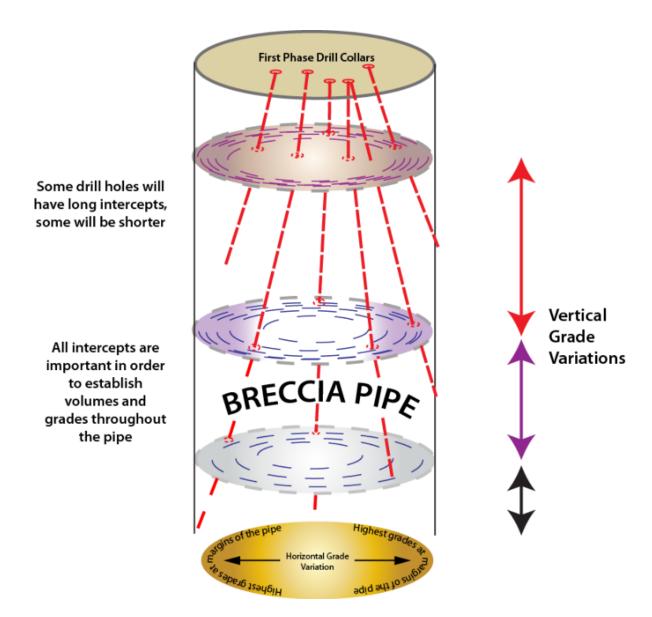


Figure 2 – Diagram showing relationship between drill intercepts and breccia pipe geometry with emphasis on vertical and horizontal grade variation. (draft version)