

Denison Reports 3.7% eU3O8 Over 3.9 Metres From Initial Follow Up Drilling at New High-Grade Basement Uranium Discovery at Waterbury Lake

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Aug. 22, 2017) - Denison Mines Corp. ("Denison" or the "Company") (TSX:DML)(NYSE MKT:DNN)(NYSE American:DNN) is pleased to report that drill hole WAT17-446A returned a mineralized interval of 3.7% eU3O8 over 3.9 metres (from 305.7 to 309.6 metres), including 7.8% eU3O8 over 1.8 metres (from 307.0 to 308.8 metres). Drill hole WAT17-446A was the fourth hole completed as part of the summer 2017 drilling program at the Waterbury Lake property and was drilled approximately 50 metres along strike to the west of WAT17-443, which intersected 1.1% eU3O8 over 0.8 metres (see [Denison's Press Release dated August 1st, 2017](#)).

Today's news is highlighted by the following:

- Results from drill hole WAT17-446A represent a significant increase in the thickness and grades of the previous high-grade uranium intersections reported from drill hole WAT17-443;
- High-grade uranium mineralization has now been intersected 50 metres along strike to the west of the result previously reported in drill hole WAT17-443;
- The east-west trend targeted by the Waterbury Lake summer drilling program remains open in all directions and follow-up drilling on an approximate 50 x 50 metre spacing is ongoing; and
- In response to the results returned to date, the number of drill holes expected to be completed, as part of the summer 2017 drilling program, has been increased by 50% to 9 drill holes, from an original plan of 6 drill holes.

Dale Verran, Denison's Vice President of Exploration, commented, ***"The results from WAT17-446 represent a very promising intersection at quite an early stage of evaluating this exciting new discovery at Waterbury Lake. The high-grades, apparent continuity of mineralization, and the degree of structure and alteration over drill hole step-outs of 50 metres or more suggest we are dealing with a very worthwhile exploration target. With an expanded summer drill program, we are certainly looking forward to further results from our efforts to continue to explore this untested trend."***

New high-grade basement hosted uranium discovery

The summer 2017 drilling program at Waterbury Lake was designed to test an east-west geological trend, which shares interpreted similarities with the east-west trend that hosts the J Zone and Roughrider deposits, which are located approximately one kilometer to the south. Follow-up drilling to the high-grade mineralization discovered in WAT17-443, the first hole of the program, is ongoing and has been designed to test the basement-hosted mineralized zone on an approximate 50 x 50 m spacing. The priority of the follow up drilling is to commence an evaluation of the scale of, and controls on mineralization, which is currently open in all directions.

The second and third follow-up drill holes of the program also intersected mineralization including 0.5% eU3O8 over 0.6 metres (from 346.0 to 346.6 metres) in drill hole WAT17-444, located approximately 65 metres down-dip of drill hole WAT17-443, and 0.2% eU3O8 over 0.6 metres (from 277.2 to 277.7 metres) in drill hole WAT17-445, located approximately 60 metres up-dip of drill hole WAT17-446A. The locations of the drill hole collars and the J Zone and Roughrider deposits are provided in Figure 1.

To view Figure 1 please click the following link: <http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/DENFIG1.pdf>

Results are reported herein as preliminary radiometric equivalent grades ("eU3O8") derived from a calibrated downhole total gamma probe. The Company subsequently reports definitive assay grades following sampling and chemical analysis of the mineralized drill core. The four drill holes completed are orientated steeply to the southeast with azimuths of 152° to 157° and dips of -73° to -75.5°. The Athabasca Group sandstones are approximately 200 metres thick, unconformably overlying a moderately north dipping package of basement rocks dominated by pelitic to semi-pelitic gneisses. Mineralization in the four holes completed has been intersected at depths of 70 to 130 metres vertically below the unconformity in variably graphitic pelitic gneisses and associated with a wide envelope of strong hematite alteration, quartz flooding, bleaching and faulting - features typical of basement-hosted uranium mineralization within the Athabasca Basin. The true thickness of the mineralization is yet to be determined.

Waterbury summer drilling program to be increased by 50%

As a result of the successful follow-up results from drill hole WAT17-446A, which returned a significant increase in the thickness and grades from the initial results reported from drill hole WAT17-443, Denison has decided to

increase the scope of the summer 2017 drilling program at Waterbury Lake from 6 holes (2,650 metres), as originally planned, to 9 holes (3,850 metres).

Waterbury Lake Property

The Waterbury Lake property consists of multiple claims covering 40,256 hectares, and is located in the infrastructure rich eastern portion of the Athabasca Basin region in northern Saskatchewan. The property is jointly owned by Denison (63.63%) and Korea Waterbury Uranium Limited Partnership ("KWULP") (36.37%) through the Waterbury Lake Uranium Limited Partnership ("WLULP"). KWULP consists of a consortium of investors in which Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power ("KHNP") holds a majority position. KWULP has elected not to fund the 2017 exploration program and, as a result, will incur dilution of its ownership interest in the WLULP. KHNP is also a significant shareholder in Denison, holding 58,284,000 common shares of Denison, which represents approximately 10.42% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares.

For more information on the J Zone deposit, please refer to the Technical Report on the Mineral Resource Estimate on the J Zone Uranium Deposit, Waterbury Lake Property dated September 6, 2013 by Allan Armitage, Ph. D., P. Geo, and Alan Sexton, M.Sc., P. Geo, of GeoVector Management Inc. available on Denison's website and under the Company's profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com). For further details on the Roughrider deposit, prior to acquisition by Rio Tinto in 2012, please refer to the Preliminary Economic Assessment Technical Report for the East and West Zones Roughrider Uranium Project, Saskatchewan dated September 2013, 2011 by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. available on SEDAR.

Qualified Persons and Data Quality

Dale Verran, MSc, P. Geo, Pr. Sci. Nat., Denison's Vice President, Exploration, who is a Qualified Person in accordance with the requirements of NI 43-101 has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this release. The Company currently reports preliminary radiometric equivalent grades ("eU3O8"), derived from a calibrated downhole total gamma probe, during its exploration programs and subsequently reports definitive assay grades following sampling and chemical analysis of the mineralized drill core. Radiometric equivalent probe results are subject to verification procedures by qualified persons employed by Denison prior to disclosure. For further details on the total gamma downhole probe methods employed by Denison, QAQC procedures and data verification procedures please see Denison's Annual Information Form dated March 23, 2017 filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR.

About Denison

Denison is a uranium exploration and development company with interests focused in the Athabasca Basin region of northern Saskatchewan, Canada. In addition to its 60% owned Wheeler River project, which hosts the high grade Phoenix and Gryphon uranium deposits, Denison's exploration portfolio consists of numerous projects covering approximately 359,000 hectares in the Athabasca Basin region, including 340,000 hectares in the infrastructure rich eastern portion of the Athabasca Basin. Denison's interests in Saskatchewan also include a 22.5% ownership interest in the McClean Lake joint venture ("MLJV"), which includes several uranium deposits and the McClean Lake uranium mill, which is currently processing ore from the Cigar Lake mine under a toll milling agreement, plus a 25.17% interest in the Midwest deposit and a 63.63% interest in the J Zone deposit on the Waterbury Lake property. Both the Midwest and J Zone deposits are located within 20 kilometres of the McClean Lake mill.

Denison is also engaged in mine decommissioning and environmental services through its Denison Environmental Services division and is the manager of Uranium Participation Corp., a publicly traded company which invests in uranium oxide and uranium hexafluoride.

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