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NEVADA COPPER EXPANDS DRILL PROGRAM

October 19, 2011 - Nevada Copper Corp. (TSX: NCU) ("Nevada Copper") is pleased to announce additional positive step-out drill results from its 100% owned Pumpkin Hollow Property located in Nevada. The drill holes reported below represent results from the current 20,000 meter step-out and expansion drilling program. With results to date successfully expanding mineralization, the current step-out and expansion drilling program will now be increased to 50,000 meters. There are currently three (3) drill rigs active at the Pumpkin Hollow project.

Drill holes NC11-16 and NC11-17 were drilled in the North Deposit. NC11-16 was drilled in the southwest sector of the deposit where multiple zones of mineralization totaling **779 feet (237.5 meters) averaging 0.53% copper**, true thickness, continue to expand the deposit southward. In addition to expanding the copper mineralization, several of the zones intersected higher values of molybdenum. The largest of these zones **intersected 150.0 feet (45.7 meters), 147.6 feet (45.0 meters) true thickness, averaging 0.71% copper, 0.087 g/t gold, 3.1 g/t silver and 0.031% molybdenum**. The southwest area of the North deposit continues to warrant further follow up step-out drilling.

NC11-17 also intersected multiple zones of mineralization. The hole was drilled as a step-out along the northeast border of the North deposit where limited drilling has been completed. NC11-17 is located approximately 200 feet (60 meters) east of previously announced NC11-12. The new mineralization is located within an area where the material had originally been modeled as waste rock (January 2011 resource update and 2008 Preliminary Economic Assessment). NC11-17 intersected multiple zones of mineralization, with the largest **95.0 feet (29.0 meters), 67.3 feet (20.5 meters) true thickness, averaging 0.84% copper**. Drilling will continue in order to determine the extent of the open northeast mineralization.

NC11-23 targeted the area located between the open pit North and South Deposits where there has been very limited drilling. The hole was drilled approximately 600 feet (180 meters) north of the South Deposit. Several zones of mineralization have been discovered with the shallowest and largest of the zones intersecting **60.0 feet (18.3 meters), 46.0 feet (14.0 meters) true thickness, averaging 0.29% copper**. In view of this newly discovered mineralization and its location between the North and South deposits, additional off set holes are being planned.

Gregory French, Vice President, Senior Project Manager, CPG, M.Sc., commented, *"The mineralizing system at Pumpkin Hollow continues to expand and produce positive step-out drill results. The successful expansion of mineralization along the northeast and southwest edges of the North Deposit are expected to have a positive effect on future open pit mine designs by converting waste to mineralized material. The mineralization discovered between the North and South deposits also has the potential to positively affect current mine designs. The North and South deposits could combine into a single open pit if sufficient mineralized material continues to be found."*

Mr. French added: "We are extremely pleased with the drilling results to date and with the drill program now expanded to 50,000 meters, we will continue to aggressively target those open areas that have potential to influence future mine designs."

NORTH DEPOSIT – Assays greater than 0.2% Cu

Drill Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Length (ft)	True Length (m)	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Mo (%)
NC11-16	179.8	208.8	29.0	95.0	28.6	0.67	0.064	1.6	0.002
	234.7	294.1	59.4	195.0	58.5	0.49	0.057	2.3	0.003
	326.1	333.7	7.6	25.0	7.5	0.43	0.078	2.5	0.040
	358.1	403.8	45.7	150.0	45.0	0.71	0.087	3.1	0.031
	426.4	493.8	67.4	221.0	66.4	0.50	0.092	1.7	0.005
	499.9	521.2	21.3	70.0	21.0	0.34	0.058	1.2	0.002
	534.9	545.6	10.7	35.0	10.5	0.31	0.021	1.0	0.001
NC11-17	169.1	173.7	4.6	15.0	3.3	0.47	0.173	2.6	0.002
	181.4	196.6	15.2	50.0	10.8	0.35	0.077	1.7	0.003
	242.3	271.3	29.0	95.0	20.5	0.84	0.069	2.5	0.001
	362.7	372.4	9.7	32.0	6.9	0.50	0.046	2.6	<0.001
	379.6	388.0	8.4	27.5	5.9	0.36	0.032	1.2	0.002

BETWEEN NORTH-SOUTH DEPOSIT – Assays greater than 0.20% Cu

Drill Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Length (ft)	True Length (m)	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Fe (%)
NC11-23	138.7	157.0	18.3	60.0	14.0	0.29	0.032	0.9	20.7
	173.7	181.3	7.6	25.0	5.8	0.33	0.048	1.3	36.6
	189.0	204.2	15.2	50.0	11.6	0.29	0.039	1.2	33.1
	221.0	230.1	9.1	30	7.0	0.26	0.024	1.5	33.7

An overview map of the North and South Deposits showing the recent drill locations is attached.

The Pumpkin Hollow drilling program is under the supervision of Gregory French, CPG #10708, and a Qualified Person as defined in Canadian National Instrument 43-101, who is responsible for the preparation of the technical information in this news release. All assaying and whole rock geochemistry is processed at the American Assay Laboratories (AAL) in Reno, Nevada. Samples are delivered from the project core logging facility to AAL by Nevada Copper or AAL personnel. A Quality Assurance and Quality Control Assay Protocol have been implemented whereby blanks and standards are inserted into the assay stream and check samples are sent to Chemex-Reno and Inspectorate-Reno laboratories.

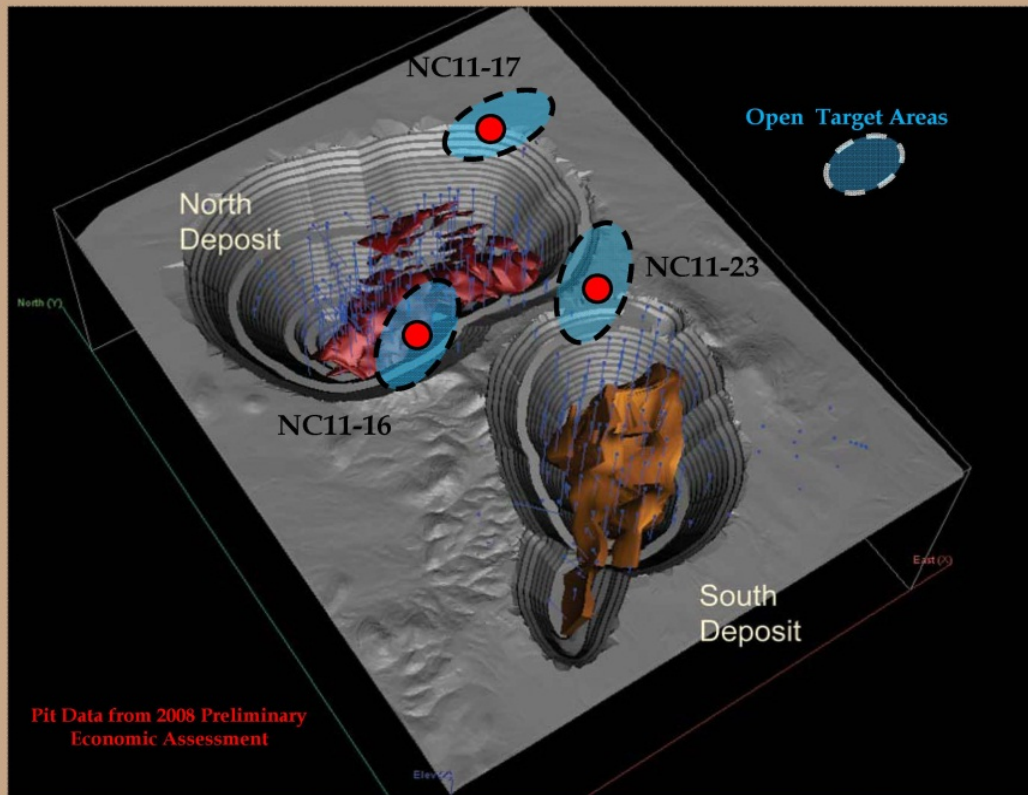
About Nevada Copper

Nevada Copper has 72.8 million shares outstanding and is well funded with no debt and approximately \$75 million in cash. Nevada Copper is scheduled to release results of its Definitive Feasibility Study at the end of the fourth quarter 2011. Drilling results from the recently-expanded 50,000 meter step-out and expansion drilling program will continue to be released as they become available.

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Open Target Areas

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