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**TAKARA ACQUIRES PROPERTIES  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: EPITHERMAL GOLD AND LEAD-ZINC-SILVER  
SEDIMENTARY POTENTIAL**

**August 19, 2008:** Takara Resources Inc. (TSX-V:TKK) ("Takara" or the "Company") announces that it has signed an option agreement with a British Columbia prospector to acquire 100% mineral interest in the Big Bar, Baez, Ospika Projects and five additional prospective geochemical target properties located in the Central Interior of British Columbia. The Properties have potential to host either epithermal gold-silver mineralization and/or sedimentary exhalative Pb-Ag-Zn mineralization. Takara has mobilized a preliminary field crew to complete initial prospecting, mapping and sampling.

**Big Bar and Baez Gold-Silver Projects**

The Big Bar and Baez Projects are located ~200km south of Williams Lake and ~200 km to the northwest of Williams Lake respectively, both properties are easily accessed by logging roads, together covering an area of ~3500 ha. The target type in both areas is epithermal-style gold and silver mineralization. The Central Interior is underlain by an extensive package of Tertiary age bi-modal volcanic rock sequences that share many similarities to similar age rocks throughout the western USA and Mexico. These rock sequences host, or are associated with, low- and high-sulphidation epithermal Au-Ag deposits including the World-Class Coeur D'Alene (Washington: 1.8 Moz Au, 10 Moz Ag), Comstock (Nevada: 8.5 Moz Au, 191 Moz Ag), Guanajuato (Mexico: 4.7 Moz Au, 31 Moz Ag) and Pachuca (Mexico: 7.5 Moz Au, 1.6 Moz Ag) mines.

These Tertiary volcanic sequences extend along the western edge of North America from Mexico to Canada, related by the same strike-slip and extensional tectonic regime that characterizes the entire western North American Cordillera. Within the Central Interior itself, there are several notable epithermal precious metal deposits (Goodall, 2002) such as the Equity Silver Mine (33.8 Mt at 64.9 g/t Ag, 0.46 g/t Au), the Blackdome Mine (305,614 tonnes at 20.6 g/t Au, 82.3 g/t Ag), the Wolf and Capoose deposit (28 Mt at 36 g/t Ag, 0.3 g/t Au) and the 3T's deposit (0.48 Mt at 8.7 g/t Au, 82.3 g/t Ag).

Historically, companies such as Phelps Dodge, Teck Cominco, Minnova, Kennecott and Rio Algom have been active in the Central Interior of British; where between 1987 and 1997, 23 epithermal gold prospects were discovered in the region.

## **Ospika Project**

The Ospika property is prospective for sedimentary exhalative (“SEDEX”) Pb-Zn-Ag type deposits located along the southernmost extension of the Selwyn Basin, which is one of the most prolific sedimentary basins in the world, (Goodfellow and Lydon, 2007). This property is comprised of Cambrian to Silurian sedimentary sequences including the Gunsteel Formation, which is known to host numerous SEDEX Pb-Zn deposits such as the Cirque (43 Mt with 2.2% Pb, 8.1% Zn, 50 g/t Ag), Akie (12 Mt with 1.5% Pb, 8.6% Zn, and 17 g/t Ag) and Driftpile (18 Mt with 2.3% Pb/Zn) deposits.

## **Geochemical Targets**

An additional five grass roots properties were also optioned that were acquired predominantly on the basis of anomalous Cu and Au stream sediment geochemistry. The showings and deposit models for each of these properties must be assessed. In addition to epithermal-style precious metal mineralization, there is potential for porphyry-style mineralization. Together, these geochemical targets cover 2,400 ha. They are all located in the Central Interior, northwest of Williams Lake, and are easily accessible by helicopter from major highways and logging roads.

Subject to the receipt of approval by the TSX-Venture Exchange, Takara has agreed to enter into an option with an arms length vendor to acquire a 100% interest in the eight properties under the following terms: (i) payment of \$15,000 and issuance of 250,000 shares upon signing; (ii) work commitments totalling \$250,000, \$325,000, \$400,000 and \$525,000 by the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries, respectively; (iii) payment of \$25,000, \$30,000 and \$40,000 by the first, second and third anniversaries respectively; and, (iv) issuance of 300,000, 300,000 and 350,000 shares by the first, second and third anniversaries respectively. The vendor will retain a 2% Net Smelter Royalty on each of the properties, with the first 1% purchasable for \$1 million and the final 1% on a right of first refusal.

Resource estimates for deposits in this news release were taken from the British Columbia MinFile database.

Dr. Scott Jobin-Bevans, P. Geo., Vice-President, Exploration, is a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed the technical information presented in this news release.

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