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OTISH BASIN URANIUM PROJECT DRILL RESULT UPDATE

Near Surface Uranium mineralization extended at Rivière Cheno Ouest Showing **0.051% U₃O₈ over 2.64 m**

Val-d'Or, Québec – December 16, 2008 - Golden Valley Mines Ltd. (“Golden Valley Mines” or the “Company”) (TSX-V symbol: GZZ) and its partner Lexam Explorations Inc. (TSX-V: LEX /OTC: LEXEF / Frankfurt: D2Q) are pleased to announce that their drilling program has successfully intersected additional near surface uranium mineralization at the Otish Uranium Project, located in north-central Québec, Canada. The best result graded **0.051% U₃O₈ over 2.64 m, including a higher grade section assaying 0.138% U₃O₈ over 0.12 m** in GRCO-08-22.

To date on the property, sixty-nine (69) holes totalling 2,808 linear metres of diamond drill core have been completed, with the dual objectives of confirming results from previous historical drilling and to extend the mineralized zones reported on in news releases dated June 18, August 29, September 10 and November 3, 2008. Results from forty-two (42) holes have now been received (61%), and results from six (6) holes are included in this release. Results are currently pending for an additional twenty-seven (27) holes.

Rivière Cheno Ouest Showing (South Zone) Drill Assay Results:

The results included in this press release represent the final six holes (GRCO-08-21 to GRCO-08-26 inclusive) from the Phase I drill program (26 holes for a total of 1,029 metres drilled) at the “Rivière Cheno Ouest” Showing. For details of the program and previously released assay results including the high-grade intersection grading **0.42% U₃O₈ over 2.37 m in GRCO-08-17, including 1.63% U₃O₈ over 0.56 m and 2.02% U₃O₈ over 0.37 m**, please refer to our November 3, 2008 press release.

At the “Rivière Cheno Ouest” Showing, U₃O₈ mineralization occurs within a basal sequence of Proterozoic-aged sedimentary rocks associated with an angular unconformity separating lower Archean-aged rocks. Five (5) of the drillholes reported herein, successfully intersected the mineralized zone with one hole drilled on the western edge of the mineralized trend.

Increasing and higher grade U₃O₈ mineralization is well developed and concentrated down stratigraphy to the angular unconformity, within the basal section of mixed coarse and fine-grained conglomeratic greywacke and greywacke beds. U₃O₈ mineralization is not only confined to the sedimentary sequence, but can also extend downwards below the angular unconformity within a distinctive regolith unit representing highly altered Archean basement rocks, or concentrated solely in these altered rocks.

The objective of the Phase I drilling program was to confirm and expand the historical documented uranium mineralization. Drill assay results obtained thus far have accomplished

these objectives and in addition, identified higher-grade mineralization previously not intersected from the historical drilling.

Highlight results from drilling into this area (approximately true widths) include:

Hole Number	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	U ₃ O ₈ (%)	Mineralized Zone (Unconformity-associated)
GRCO-08-21	18.83	21.00	2.17	0.012	Basal sediment mineralized interval
GRCO-08-22	18.20	20.84	2.64	0.051	Basal sediment mineralized interval
GRCO-08-23	21.18	23.59	2.41	0.030	Basal sediment mineralized interval
Including	21.18	21.49	0.31	0.108	* Backsplit sampling completed above 21.18 metres
GRCO-08-24	18.82	23.54	4.72	0.015	Basal sediment mineralized interval
Including	18.82	20.31	1.49	0.17	
Including	21.13	23.54	2.41	0.15	
GRCO-08-25	19.67	21.49	1.82	0.033	Basal sediment mineralized interval
					*Backsplit sampling completed below 21.49 metres
GRCO-08-26	No significant results				

Sample handling consists of shipping one half of split BTW drill core samples to Activation Laboratories Ltd. in Ancaster, Ontario for sample preparation and analyses. Uranium analysis is performed using the delayed neutron counting (DNC) method. A multi-element (37) Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES) is performed as well on all samples. Where uranium values exceed the upper limit of 1%, samples are re-assayed using X-ray fluorescence (XRF). All reported values in this press release are uncut and composite intervals are reported as length along the core axis.

About Golden Valley Mines Ltd.: The Company typically tests initial grassroots targets while owning a 100% interest and then seeks partners to continue exploration funding. This allows the Company to continue its generative programs and systematic exploration efforts at other majority-owned grassroots projects. As of December 16, 2008, the Company holds majority property interests in 141 projects consisting of 4,540 mining titles (262,046 hectares) in Québec, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Michael P. Rosatelli, M.Sc., P. Geo., Vice-President, Exploration for Golden Valley Mines Inc., is a Qualified Person (as such term is defined in National Instrument 43-101-Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects), and is responsible for the geological information presented herein.

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