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Copper Development Corporation
(“CDC” or “the Company”)

Basay Drilling Update: Further High Grade Intercepts

Highlights

- BSM015 contains the best high-grade intersection identified to date at the Nabore deposit of 131 metres of 0.95% copper with significant gold, silver and molybdenum credits, resulting in a copper equivalent* grade of 1.11%;
- BSM015 includes a high grade intercept of 14.3 metres of 5.47% Cu;
- 21,946 metres of drilling completed at Basay in 2011;
- JORC/NI 43-101 compliant resource for Basay remains on target for completion in January; and
- Drill programme of 44,000m planned at Basay for 2012 with five rigs currently operating on site.

Copper Development Corporation (AIM: CDC) is pleased to report assay results from drill holes BSM015 to BSM022 at its Basay Project on Negros Island, Philippines, in which CDC has a 70% interest.

The Basay project is located 25km southeast of CDC’s Hinoba-an project and comprises four known areas of mineralisation: the Central, Northwest, Nabore and Southeast deposits (see Figure 1 for the Basay drill-hole and site plan). Drill results to date continue to confirm the presence of long drill intervals of significant high grade copper-gold-silver-molybdenum mineralisation and support the theory that the four known deposits may be the corners of a large rectangle that are part of a much larger system, with the potential to comprise a major copper deposit.

Assay Results

Nabore Deposit

Previous assays from drill hole BSM010, the first drill hole from the Nabore deposit, encountered an encouraging intersection of 84 metres at 0.34% copper from 147 metres depth. This hole is a steeply inclined hole intersecting the ore zone at depth. Hole BSM018 was drilled from the same site at a shallower angle, but failed to intersect any significant mineralisation. This suggests that the Nabore deposit is also hosted in a dipping structure, but further drilling is required to confirm this. The highly successful BSM015 was drilled 300 metres east of hole BSM010 and intersected 131 metres of 0.95% copper with significant gold, silver and molybdenum credits, resulting in 1.11% Cu equivalent* grade. BSM015 also included a high grade intercept of 14.3 metres of 5.47% Cu from 114 to 128.3 metres.

Southeast Deposit

Drill holes BSM017, BSM020 and BSM022 were all drilled near the eastern edge of the known mineralisation at the Southeast deposit, with hole BSM020 drilled at the eastern limit. Holes BSM017 and BSM022 both intersected significant copper mineralisation. Hole BSM020 did not intersect any significant copper mineralisation and closes off the Southeast deposit to the northeast. The Southeast deposit remains open to depth and to the west.

Central and Northwest Deposits

Drill hole BSM021 was drilled specifically to crosscut the north-easterly dipping Central deposit in order to confirm the structural model. It intersected 189 metres of 0.46% Cu with significant gold, silver and molybdenum credits for a copper equivalent grade of 0.55%. This highly successful drill hole confirms the structural model at the Central deposit and suggests that the Central and Northwest deposits are continuous and hosted within the same dipping structure.

Holes BSM016 and BSM019 were drilled from the southern side of the Northwest deposit. Hole BSM016 was drilled from the same site as hole BSM012 at a steeper angle. Both holes from this site failed to intersect any significant mineralisation, confirming the dipping structural model for the Central and Northwest deposits. Hole BSM019 was collared northwest of holes BSM012 and BSM016 along the southern edge of the deposit and intersected good copper mineralisation for 234 metres of 0.43% Cu, with significant gold and silver credits for a copper equivalent grade of 0.47%. This intersection includes a high-grade section of 9 metres grading 3.35% Cu from 308 to 317 metres, with significant gold and silver credits for a copper equivalent* grade of 3.60%.

Summary Drill Intercept Data for BSM015 to BSM022							
<i>Hole ID</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Cu%</i>	<i>Au ppm</i>	<i>Ag ppm</i>	<i>Mo ppm</i>
BSM015	57	192	131	0.95	0.112	2.4	117.9
BSM016	nil						
BSM017	36	75	39	0.43	0.03	1.0	258.1
BSM017	227	299	72	0.34	0.029	1.2	55.4
BSM017	308	317	9	0.28	0.013	1.3	184.0
BSM018	nil						
BSM019	171	405	234	0.43	0.018	1.2	30.0
BSM019	396	405	9	3.35	0.147	10.3	3.0
BSM021	93	99	6	0.47	0.012	1.1	87.5
BSM021	108	297	189	0.46	0.025	1.0	134.8
BSM022	153	159	6	0.31	0.048	1.2	25.0
BSM022	192	198	6	0.3	0.036	0.9	15.5
BSM022	210	258	48	0.34	0.042	0.9	5.3

Note: All composite assays are based upon a 0.25% Cu cut off grade and a maximum internal waste of 6 metres.

Basay Exploration Programme

A total of 21,946 metres of drilling was completed at Basay in 2011 and the Company remains on track to publish a maiden JORC/NI 43-101 compliant resource in January 2012. A programme of 44,000 metres is currently planned for Basay in 2012 with five rigs currently operating at site.

As stated in the Company's announcement on 12 October 2011, a ground magnetics survey has recently been completed and a high degree of correlation between the location of known ore bodies and magnetic lows has been identified (see Figure 1).

A soil geochemical survey has also been completed and the assay results received. The Company is now compiling the soil geochemical map, and this, in conjunction with the geophysical data, will underpin the 2012 drilling programme at Basay.

CDC is well funded for its continued programmes at Basay and Hinoba-an with cash on hand of approximately £17.1 million as at 30 December 2011.

Mitch Alland, Executive Chairman of CDC, commented:

“With hole 15 showing the best intersection at Nabore to date with a copper equivalent grade of 1.11% and including a high-grade section of 14.3 metres with 5.47% copper, and with hole 19 at the Northwest deposit containing a high-grade section of 9 metres with a copper equivalent of 3.60% as well as magnetic and induced polarisation ground surveys indicating the potential for the discovery of major further ore bodies on the tenement, Basay continues its promise of providing a major, world class play for CDC.”

* Copper equivalents are calculated on the basis of US\$3.35/lb Cu, US\$13.60/lb Mo, US\$32/oz. Ag, US\$1680/oz. Au.

Glossary

Ag = Silver
Au = Gold
Cu = Copper
g/t = grams per tonne
Mo = Molybdenum
ppm = Parts per million

The technical information contained in this announcement has been reviewed by Brian Lueck, COO and Director of CDC. Mr Lueck is a practicing member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia. Mr Lueck has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Qualified Person for the purposes of this announcement.

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Figure 1 – Basay Drill-hole Site Plan

