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SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF DRILLING AT VARGBÄCKEN, SWEDEN. 17 OUT OF 18 HOLES INTERSECT SIGNIFICANT GOLD MINERALIZATION.

Vancouver, Canada – Mawson Resources Limited ("Mawson") TSXv – MAW. Mr Michael Hudson, President, is pleased to announce results of the final five drill holes from the Phase 1 eighteen-hole reverse circulation ("RC") drill program at the Vargbäcken property located in the Skellefte mining district of Northern Sweden. Significant new results include 8 m of 4.1 g/t gold in drill hole RC49 and 4 m of 7.0 g/t gold in RC45. Using a cut-off grade of 0.2 g/t gold, drill hole RC49 averaged 74 m of 1.2 g/t gold from 40m. Results from these 5 new and 14 previously reported drill holes are attached as Table 1.

Gold at Vargbäcken is visible, free and coarse grained and occurs in high grade "bonanza" structures within a wider gold and sulphide-bearing mineralized halo which is mapped by an induced polarization anomaly over 1 km strike.

Mr Hudson states, "Our Phase 1 RC drill program at Vargbäcken of 1,730 metres was complete in mid-December 2004. Gold mineralization was defined over a strike length of 550m with 17 out of the 18 holes drilled intersecting better than 2m of 2 g/t gold. Higher grade gold mineralization has now been drill delineated over 250m strike and from surface to 160 m depth. We are excited that drilling down-dip and along strike from the bonanza gold intersections in RC34 (2 m of 72.6 g/t gold and 1 m of 116.5 g/t gold) has demonstrated the presence of further high grade gold. The prospect remains open and further drilling is planned in April 2005, as soon as spring conditions allow, with the aim of infill drilling Vargbäcken to resource status."

A drill plan and a longitudinal section showing the location of all Phase 1 drill holes is available from Mawson's website at www.mawsonresources.com/index.php?page=ProjectsVBN. All reported drill holes were drilled at 45 degrees dip towards 275 degrees azimuth at a high angle to the metasediment/diorite contact which forms the strike control for mineralization. At this early stage, it is not possible to make a conclusive statement defining true widths in the reported down-hole intercepts.

Vargbäcken is covered by a 25 year mining lease of 21 hectares. Mawson has an option to acquire an 80% interest in the Vargbäcken property from North Atlantic Natural Resources AB by incurring a total of SEK12 million (approximately C$2 million) in exploration expenditures by June 28, 2009. Mawson holds 100% of an 8,300 hectare exploration permit which surrounds the Vargbäcken mining lease.

Mark Saxon, Vice-President of Exploration for Mawson and Member of the AusIMM, is the qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and is responsible for the exploration program design, monitoring and quality control of Mawson's exploration programs and has verified the information contained in this release. Samples from the drill program were assayed at ALS Chemex Ltd's laboratory in Piteå, Sweden, using a 500g bottle roll (cyanide leach) technique with leachwell accelerant and an atomic absorption spectroscopy finish. Duplicates, repeats, blanks and known gold standards were inserted according to standard industry practice. A high degree of correlation was achieved with selected 500g metallic screen fire assay checks carried out by an independent laboratory, International Plasma Laboratory Ltd ("iPL") in Vancouver. Both iPL and ALS Chemex are ISO 9002 certified. A flow chart of quality control procedures is available at www.mawsonresources.com/index.php?page=ProjectsQC.

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Table 1 – Vargbäcken Reverse Circulation Drill Hole Results January 2004

Location	Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width[1] (m)	Gold[2] (g/t)	Gold[3] (g/t)
Section 00N	RC49	53	54	1	10.1	7.4
		58	66	8	4.1	4.0
	including	*58*	*59*	*1*	*10.9*	
	including	*62*	*63*	*1*	*11.1*	
		79	82	3	1.5	0.9
		88	100	12	1.6	
		106	108	2	1.3	
Section 300N	RC48	49	51	2	2.2	
Section 200N	RC47	36	38	2	1.7	
Section 140N	RC46	53	57	4	1.5	
		72	74	2	1.7	
Section 140N	RC45	38	42	4	7.0	
	including	*41*	*42*	*1*	*21.7*	
		60	62	2	1.1	
Section 60S	RC44[4]	31	35	4	5.3	
	including	*32*	*33*	*1*	*16.3*	
Section 60S	RC43[4]	70	72	2	1.4	
		100	102	2	1.5	
		106	108	2	1.7	
		110	113	3	2.3	
		116	118	2	5.8	
		124	127	3	10.0	
	including	*124*	*125*	*1*	*13*	
		126	*127*	*1*	*17.4*	
		131	133	2	1.2	
		141	143	2	2.3	
		149	150	1	8.7	
		154	170	16	3.3	
	including	*158*	*164*	*6*	*3.9*	
		166	*170*	*4*	*5.4*	
		167	*168*	*1*	*15.7*	
		173	178	5	2.0	
Section 140S	RC42[4]	39	41	2	2.4	1.9
Section 100S	RC41[4]	25	27	2	1.3	
		30	32	2	17.9	
Section 140S	RC40[4]				No Significant Gold	
Section 100S	RC39[4]	60	62	2	2.2	
		96	98	2	1.1	
		120	128	8	2.2	
	including	*123*	*124*	*1*	*4.4*	
		125	*126*	*1*	*4.7*	
Section 100S	RC38[4]	18	20	2	1.4	
		45	47	2	3.8	3.0
		58	59	1	4.0	
Section 100S	RC37[4]	22	24	2	1.8	
		58	61	3	1.9	
		64	66	2	1.1	
Section 00N	RC36[4]	37	39	2	2.1	
		53	55	2	4.8	
		69	71	2	1.1	
Section 00N	RC35[4]	42	44	2	1.1	
		54	58	4	1.4	
		76	80	4	1.1	
		84	87	3	1.3	
		108	111	3	2.2	
		129	131	2	2.5	
		141	146	5	2.8	
	including	*141*	*143*	*2*	*3.7*	
		145	*146*	*1*	*6.6*	
Section 00N	RC34[4]	38	41	3	10.4	11.1
	including	*40*	*41*	*1*	*28.1*	*30.7*
		46	47	1	4.2	4.3
		52	54	2	3.3	16.3
		57	67	10	8.6	6.1
	including	*59*	*60*	*1*	*56.4*	*34.9*
		66	*67*	*1*	*8.0*	*7.4*
		70	84	14	19.8	21.4
	including	*70*	*72*	*2*	*72.6*	*76.8*
		82	*83*	*1*	*116.5*	*130.3*
Section 50N	RC33[4]	42	55	13	4.5	
	including	*51*	*55*	*4*	*12.4*	
Section 50N	RC32[4]	68	84	16	1.2	
	including	68	69	1	4.9	

Note 1: Calculated using a 2m minimum thickness and a 1 g/t gold lower cut. No upper cut applied.
Note 2: Gold analyzed by 500g bottle roll technique with leachwell accelerant and an atomic absorption spectroscopy finish by ALS Chemex Ltd's laboratory in Piteå, Sweden.
Note 3: Assay results independently checked with 500g metallic screen fire assays by International Plasma Laboratory Ltd in Vancouver, Canada.
Note 4: Previously reported in Mawson News Releases November 29 and December 14, 2004.