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NEXT PHASE OF DRILLING PLANNED FOR LEWIS PROPERTY IN NEVADA

Madison Minerals Inc. (TSX-V: MMR) is pleased to provide an update on its exploration plans for its Lewis Property in Lander County, Nevada. The Lewis Property is strategically located within the Battle Mountain Mineral Belt, immediately adjacent to the north and northwest of Newmont Mining Corporation's Phoenix-Fortitude Property. The Phoenix Joint Venture, which is comprised of Madison as to a 60% interest and Great American Minerals, Inc. as to a 40% interest, is exploring the Lewis Property.

As the operator of the Phoenix Joint Venture, Madison has designed a reverse-circulation drilling program totalling approximately 22,000 feet in 40 drill holes on targets at both the Virgin Structural Zone and the Buena Vista area. The drilling program will begin once a suitable reverse circulation drill rig can be scheduled to undertake this exploration program. Upon completion of this phase of drilling, Madison anticipates that a resource estimate can be carried out for the Virgin Structural Zone.

Madison also reports that Buffalo Gold Ltd., which has the right to acquire various interest in Madison's Mt. Kare Property in Papua New Guinea, has advised Madison that Buffalo has now completed ten drill holes on the Western Roscoelite Zone. Assay results are pending for all holes.

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