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Astral Starts Drilling on the Bear Creek Gold Prospect, North Carolina

Vancouver, British Columbia; Astral Mining Corporation (TSX-V AST) (“Astral” or “the Company”) and Joint Venture partner Gold Summit Corporation (TSX-V GSM), have started diamond drilling at the Bear Creek Prospect in North Carolina, testing a large gold in soil and rock chip anomaly approximately 400 metres long and 100 metres wide. Three core holes, totalling 1000 metres, are planned to drill across the NE trending anomaly to intersect un-weathered volcanic host rocks.

The anomaly is defined by rock chip grab sample assays between 500 and 800 ppb (0.5-0.8 g/t) gold with high of 6 g/t gold. Soil values range between 50 ppb and 200 ppb gold and compare favourably with the 60 ppb gold soil anomaly that defined the southern ore zone at Ridgeway, a 1.7 million ounce deposit in South Carolina discovered in 1980.

The drill rig will then move to the Saluda Prospect in South Carolina to drill down dip of high grade gold mineralization intersected last summer. Grades of 14.4 g/t, 7.8 g/t and 17.8 g/t gold over intersected widths of 2.16, 1.95 and 1.98 metres, respectively, were reported from shallow-dipping, massive quartz veins hosted by island arc volcanic and sedimentary rocks.

A consultant to the Carolina Joint Venture, Ronald D McDaniel, BSc., MSc., a registered Professional Geologist in the State of North Carolina is designated as the “Qualified Person” supervising the technical work under National Instrument 43-101 guidelines.

The Joint Venture allows Astral to acquire a 51% interest in any property within the Saluda Area and the Bear Creek Area in North Carolina after expenditures of US \$300,000. Thereafter, Astral may earn a 70% interest in a designated prospect by completing a feasibility study. An 80% interest can subsequently be earned by placing a mine into production.

Astral Mining Corporation, a member of the Grosso Group, is a Canadian-based company engaged in the exploration and development of precious metal properties in North America. By focusing on exploration in mining-friendly districts, the Company minimizes the political and social risks encountered in many other parts of the world. With a new gold discovery at the Company's Jumping Josephine Gold Project in Southern British Columbia, and an experienced technical team and seasoned management, Astral is poised to leverage this expertise into early exploration success. Further details on Astral Mining Corporation and its high-quality portfolio of exploration projects can be found at www.astralmining.com.

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