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Masara Mine, Philippines, Drilling & Underground Update

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LONDON, United Kingdom: October 6, 2006 - Crew Gold Corporation ("Crew" or the "Company")
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- New significant vein identified with drill intercepts well above historical grades. Jessie vein not included in previous resource estimates
- Significantly higher grades encountered by underground development and sampling
- Underground development and sampling continues to support wider mining widths being the basis for investment to increase plant capacity from 2,000 t/d to 2,900 t/d
- Continued good progress of the 2006/2007 80,000 metre drilling program. 21,000 metres drilled to date with 6 rigs on site

The Company is pleased to report preliminary results from drilling on the Jessie vein at Masara. The Jessie vein has not been included in previous resource estimates for the property.

Results have been received for two of eight holes drilled to date. Those holes awaiting assay results show similar vein mineralogy, textures and widths to the first two holes. Results from the first two holes have returned significant intersections. Drill hole JB02 intercepted 3.8 m (down hole) at 47.6 g/t Au, including 0.8 m at 156 g/t Au. Drill hole JB03 intercepted 5.6 meters (down hole) at an average grade of 40.1 g/t Au. Applying an assay top cut of 31 g/t Au, these intersections are reported at 16.3 g/t and 28.4 g/t, respectively.

Drilling density is approximately 100m x 75m and this has demonstrated that the Jessie vein is a consistent and well mineralized structure, which offers a significant upside addition to previous resources estimates. Drilling to date has identified the vein over a 500m strike-length and a 250m down dip extension, which outlines a 125,000m² area (refer attached Figure). The structure is open along strike and further drilling is expected to expand the area. The width of mineralized intercepts averages 7 m (2 to 12 metres range) with an average true width of 5.3 m.

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Mineralized intercept in DDH JB02 (True width 3.3 m)

Drill Hole	Sample	From	To	Au	Ag	Cu	Pb	Zn
	No	m	m	g/t	g/t	pct	pct	pct
DDH JB-02	12452	69.9	70.7	156.1	1508	7.56	0.32	0.68
DDH JB-02	12453	70.7	71.5	22.6	315	2.09	0.45	1.69
DDH JB-02	12454	71.5	73.2	0.8	9	0.10	0.06	0.18
DDH JB-02	12455	73.2	73.7	10.9	148	2.08	0.03	0.31

Mineralized intercept in DDH JB03 (True width 4.6 m)

Drill Hole	Sample	From	To	Au	Ag	Cu	Pb	Zn
	No	m	m	g/t	g/t	pct	pct	pct
DDH JB-03	12718	113.4	114.4	47.7	296	0.40	1.29	2.97
DDH JB-03	12719	114.4	115.4	38.4	287	0.41	0.99	2.14
DDH JB-03	12720	115.4	116.4	8.2	72	0.18	0.06	0.18
DDH JB-03	12721	116.4	117.4	3.8	35	0.24	0.08	0.16
DDH JB-03	12722	117.4	118.4	101.0	888	1.36	0.06	0.13
DDH JB-03	12723	118.4	119.0	41.5	461	1.36	0.04	0.21

The adjacent Sandy vein appears to be a more irregular structure, probably as a result of splitting and merging with Jessie vein along strike. The average (apparent) thickness of the Sandy vein is 2-3 m. Assay results from Sandy vein are awaited.

To date, 21,097 metres of drilling has been completed at Masara with six drill rigs currently operating.

In the underground development, drifting southeast along strike on the Bonanza vein has started intersecting good ore grades. Sampling of both hanging wall and footwall alteration zones shows these to be variably mineralised.

The table below shows the results of 20 successive faces sampled in the Bonanza Ore Drift (SE). Data shows that gold is fairly regularly distributed over a 2 m wide section. In many instances, the entire vein has not been exposed by the 3-m drift. A composite Main vein sample at 19SE returned 9.1 g/t Au over 2.33 m and 836 g/t Au over 0.3 m, which was capped to 31 g/t Au before calculating the average grade of 11.9 g/t Au.

Face samples from Bonanza Ore Drift (from 1st blast round towards southeast)

Location	face#	Main Vein	MV width
		g/t Au	m
L590 BNZ	1SE	2.07	1.60
L590 BNZ	2SE	3.11	1.70
L590 BNZ	3SE	3.12	1.69
L590 BNZ	4SE	4.27	2.05
L590 BNZ	5SE	5.46	2.37
L590 BNZ	6SE	4.94	2.70
L590 BNZ	7SE	n/a	2.12
L590 BNZ	8SE	3.51	1.84
L590 BNZ	9SE	2.45	1.67
L590 BNZ	10SE	4.59	2.50
L590 BNZ	11SE	6.84	1.80
L590 BNZ	12SE	2.71	1.64
L590 BNZ	13SE	5.11	2.10
L590 BNZ	14SE	3.19	1.43
L590 BNZ	15SE	8.46	1.87
L590 BNZ	16SE	3.33	1.40
L590 BNZ	17SE	7.26	0.98
L590 BNZ	18SE	7.32	2.91
L590 BNZ	19SE	11.87	2.66
Average:		4.98	2.0

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Geophysical Survey

A geophysical IP survey has been completed in the south east section of the property and results are being assessed. A detailed magnetic survey over the same area is now in progress. These surveys are aimed at providing better target definition for the area of open pit potential where several of the vein systems coalesce.

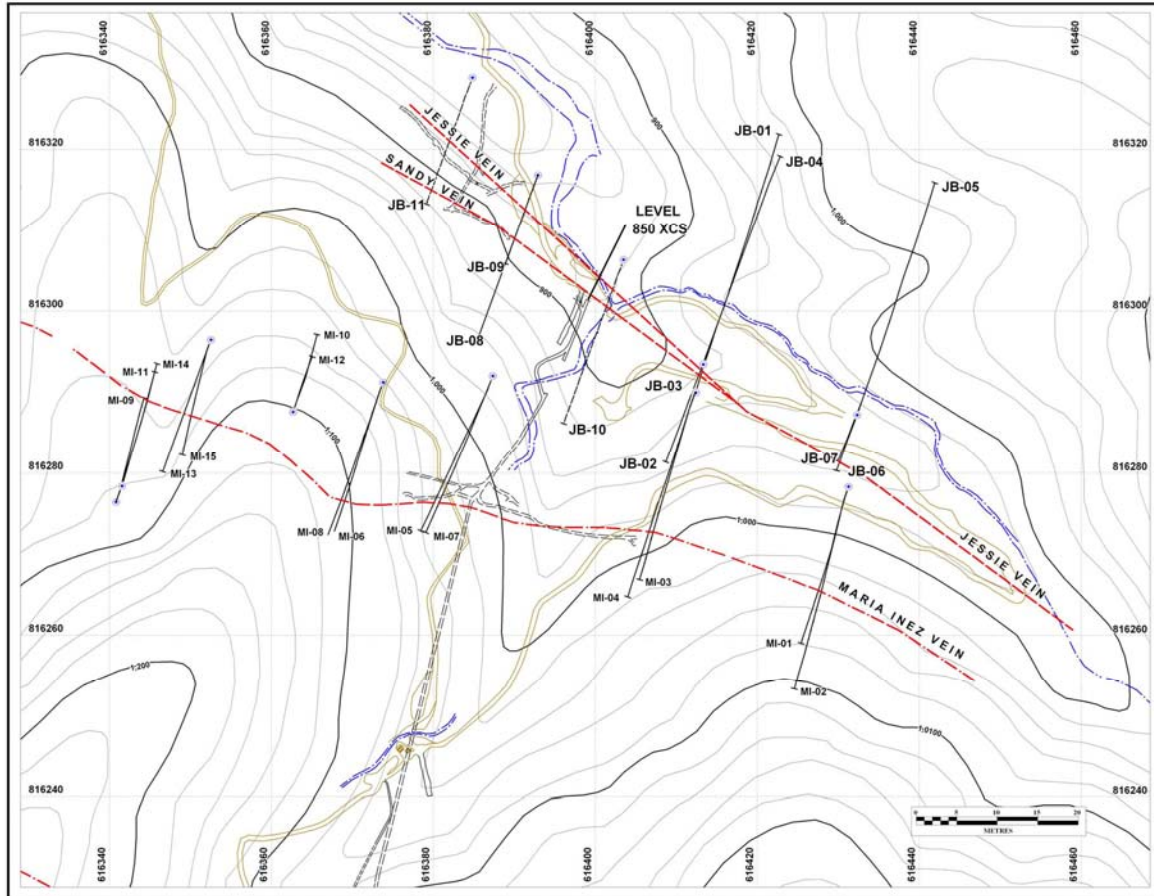
Commenting on these results, Crew President and CEO, Jan Vestrum, stated *"The drill results from Jessie vein are particularly encouraging as they have returned some of the best intersections from Masara and the Jessie vein has not previously been included in resource estimates for the property. For the underground development, it is pleasing to see grades of this order starting to be achieved. The continued discovery of new veins, higher grade intersects, and possibly most importantly, supporting data for a potential of significantly increased mining width truly underpins our earlier statement that the acquisition of Apex having the potential to be a company maker."*

Quality Assurance and Control and Qualified Person

All drilling is conducted using industry accepted equipment and procedures for drilling and sampling. All drill intercepts reported in this press release relate to HQ-PQ diamond drill core (half core samples, maximum 1m intervals, >95% sample recovery) for resource definition drilling. All assay results reported are determined by 50 gram fire assay, aqua regia digest and atomic absorption spectrometer readings to a detection limit of 0.01 g/t gold by independent McPhar assay laboratory facility in Manila. A check assay program with internationally recognized and certified assay laboratory is also conducted to confirm reliability of assay data. The data are verified on an ongoing basis by Crew's Qualified Person and independent resource consultants of Snowden Mining Industry Consultants.

The exploration program has been conducted under the supervision of Jon S Petersen, SVP for Crew Gold Corp. and Qualified Person pursuant to NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and the drilling and underground sampling results in this document have been verified by Mr. Petersen. Mr. Petersen is not "independent" of Crew Gold Corporation within the meaning of NI 43-101 as he holds securities of the company.

Map of SE Masara Project Area show drilling location along Jessie and Sandy veins



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