NEW OROPERU RESOURCES INC.

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NEWS RELEASE

Barrick Drills 10,800 meters at Tres Cruces Project and Expands the Area of Mineralization

White Rock, B.C.- New Oroperu Resources Inc. (TSX Venture: ORO) ("New Oroperu" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has received the results of a 5,508 meter diamond drill campaign on its Tres Cruces Project in North Central Peru by Minera Barrick Misquichilca S.A., "Barrick". The Tres Cruces project is a 100% company owned project subject to a 1½ % NSR royalty and subject to an option agreement with Barrick. Under the terms of the agreement, in order to exercise the option Barrick must pay for all expenditures up to a production decision. The Company retains a 30% interest. The Company's share of production costs are financed by Barrick. Additionally the Company retains a 2% NSR royalty of which US\$1,000,000 is to be paid in advance at the time of a production decision. To maintain the option Barrick must pay US\$250,000 to the Company on May 31st each year until a production decision is made. Barrick has made the most recent payment.

Prior to this Barrick work, the Company had reported a measured and indicated resource of 34.5 million tones grading 1.59 g/t., about 1,700,000 oz. gold. These historical resources were calculated and reported to the Company by Battle Mountain Gold in 1999. To prepare an independent technical report the Company's qualified person reviewed the data and interviewed the Battle Mountain personnel responsible for the calculation and determined that it was according to industry standards at the time. The details are in the Company's NI 43-101 report "Summary Report of the Tres Cruces Property dated July 25 2002" and filed on SEDAR, www.sedar.com on July 31, 2002. These resources were determined after considering nearly 36,000 meters of drilling.

There are four zones of mineralization at Tres Cruces which are adjacent to each other. Several areas of mineralization which were open have been explored further by Barrick's drilling and have encountered additional mineralization. The better results of this drilling is indicated in the table below:

Table Drill Hole Assays

Drill Hole	From	- To	Interval	Grade
ID	(m)	(m)	(m)	(gm/t)
DTC 235	42.5	86.0	43.5	1.30
DTC 238	48.1	72.5	24.4	2.55
	93.5	135.5	42.0	1.06
DTC 239	145.5	238.5	93.0	1.40
DTC 240	73.5	111.0	37.5	3.46
	117.0	126.0	9.0	8.05
DTC 241	39.0	55.5	16.5	2.67
DTC 243	44.0	65.0	21.0	3.60
DTC 244	108.0	129.0	21.0	1.88
DTC 251	70.5	85.5	15.0	1.35
DTC 252	41.5	77.5	36.0	7.51
DTC 253	51.5	147.5	96.0	2.04
	164.0	174.5	10.5	1.22
DTC 254	117.5	138.5	21.0	2.14
DTC 255	45.0	65.5	20.5	3.06
DTC 256	68.0	99.5	31.5	1.40

The area adjacent to and between the South Zone, South West Zone and the Extension Zone is covered with shallow sediments and chalcedonic sinter which overly the mineralized Calipuy volcanics. This area has not been well explored in the past. The drilling reported above has partially tested this area. Drill Holes DTC 235, 238, 240, 241 243, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255 and 256 are in this area. The drill results indicated on this program did not completely delimit the mineralization and has been followed up with an additional 5,295 meters in 21 holes. The Company will report on these results when received from Barrick. The drilling has been completed and is the final review of the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) Program.

The Company has previously reported a measured and indicated resources containing 1.7 million oz. Au. The Company has been advised by Barrick that it is planning to update these resources after sufficient drilling has been completed to define the limits of mineralization and the results of their geotechnical studies can be incorporated. The current drill programs will also provide representative samples from the principal mineralized zones to continue advancing metallurgical test work.

All drill cores are split in half with the first half sent for standard analysis. All samples are prepared at Barrick's Lagunas Norte mine operation (crushed and pulverized) and sent for outside analysis to ALS Chemex lab in Lima. QA/QC samples (blanks, standards and duplicates) are included in every batch.

Exploration geologist, K. Wayne Livingstone, President, stated: "The Company is pleased to see this activity on the project. During my recent site visit two drills were operating as part of the geotechnical evaluation program. The Company was advised that additional infill and definition diamond drilling will be planned after review of the results of the most recent drilling".

Dr. Peter A. Christopher, P. Eng., a technical advisor to the Company, is the qualified person responsible for reviewing this News Release.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"K. Wayne Livingstone"

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