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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **GREAT BEAR COMMENCES DRILLING AT ETZEL GOLD PROJECT, YUKON**

September 19, 2011 - Great Bear Resources Ltd. (TSX-V: GBR, "Great Bear") is pleased to announce that it has begun Phase 1 drilling at the Etzel Gold project located in the Dawson Gold Belt, Yukon.

Phase 1 exploration will consist of approximately 2,000 metres of diamond drilling, testing the on-strike continuity of gold-silver mineralization from the Klaza property of Rockhaven Resources Ltd. (TSX-V: RK, "Rockhaven") and the Charlotte property of Ansell Capital Corp. (TSX-V: ACP, "Ansell"). These properties are contiguous with the Etzel property to the northwest and southeast and are all located within a 15 kilometre long, generally 2.5 kilometre wide gold mineralized trend that includes the past producing Mount Nansen mine.

Both the Klaza and Charlotte properties were the focus of multi-drill programs during 2010 and 2011 and have released results including 36.50 metres of 3.23 g/t gold and 117.7 g/t silver (Rockhaven news release dated July 11, 2011) and 23.05 metres of 11.04 g/t gold (Ansell news release dated September 6, 2011).

Great Bear has the option to earn up to a 65% interest in the 1060 ha Etzel Gold project through its Option and Joint Venture agreement with Ansell. The Etzel property hosts gold- and silver-rich polymetallic soil geochemical anomalies similar to those present on the adjacent Klaza and Charlotte properties, with historic trenching that has produced results including 6.0 metres of 6.05 g/t gold and 15.3 g/t silver.

In addition to diamond drilling, Phase 1 exploration will include surface trenching and geochemical sampling to define drill targets.

Mr. Chris Taylor, M.Sc. P.Geo, is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 responsible for the accuracy of this news release.

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## **About Great Bear**

Great Bear is a well-funded Canadian precious metals exploration company working in leading jurisdictions of the Yukon and British Columbia. Great Bear can earn a 65% interest through its joint venture in the Etzel Gold project, Dawson Gold Belt, Yukon, which is situated between two major gold discoveries within a 15+ kilometre gold-mineralized trend including the past-producing Mt. Nansen mine, and the Klaza and Charlotte properties of Rockhaven Resources Ltd. and Ansell Capital Corp.

Great Bear can also earn a 75% interest through its joint venture in the IKE Selwyn Basin Gold Project, Hyland District, Yukon, where the recent discovery of elevated gold, arsenic and antimony values in stream sediments have identified a new Carlin-type gold exploration prospect in an emerging Yukon gold district. A 70% interest can also be obtained by Great Bear through its joint venture in the BA and Surprise Creek silver-rich VMS projects, Eskay Creek District, northern British Columbia.

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