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AMANTA COMPLETES RECONNAISSANCE DRILLING PROGRAMME AT LUANG NAMTHA, LAOS; DRILLS 15 METRES OF 0.8% COPPER AND 15 G/T SILVER.

July 29, 2011 – Amanta Resources Ltd. (“the Company”) is pleased to announce the successful completion of its reconnaissance drilling programme at the Company’s 200 km² copper exploration concession area in the Luang Namtha Province of northern Laos and report assay results from the final two drill holes. The Luang Namtha exploration area is considered highly prospective for copper and associated minerals including silver, gold and molybdenum.

Amanta commenced its prospecting activities at Luang Namtha in August, 2008, and in April, 2009, signed a Joint Exploration Agreement (JEA) with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC). In return for project expenditures of US\$ 3 million over a 3-year period, the JEA provides an option for JOGMEC to enter into a Joint Venture and acquire a 51% working interest in the project. Amanta acts as the Project Operator and the agreement has now entered its third and final year and relates solely to the Luang Namtha project.

Reconnaissance Drilling Programme Completed. The final two holes were part of a 14-hole, 2,000 metres reconnaissance drill programme in the Pakieng target area, one of several prospective areas identified in earlier reconnaissance programmes. The programme included 10 drill holes to evaluate the numerous copper/silver mineralized outcrops, and geochemical anomalies discovered in the area and 4 drill holes to test a significant molybdenum/gold anomaly. The mineralized intervals encountered in these two holes are shown below:

Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Copper (%)	Silver (g/t)
PK 13	66	81	15	0.8	15.0
including	69	73	4	1.3	25.0
and	76	81	5	1.2	24.0
PK 14	41	58	17	0.5	11.5
including	51	58	7	0.9	23.0
and	56	57	1	4.2	100.0

The results continue to confirm the continuity of the surface indications to depth and show significant intersections of high copper/silver grades. In hole PK13, grades of **1.3% copper and 25 g/t silver**, over 4 metres, and **1.2% copper and 24 g/t silver**, over 5 metres, were observed within an interval of 15 metres grading **0.8% copper and 15 g/t silver**.

In hole PK14, a 7- metre interval grading **0.9% copper and 23 g/t silver**, was observed within an interval of 17 metres grading **0.5% copper and 11.5 g/t silver**, and very high grade mineralisation which graded **4.2% copper and 100 g/t silver**, was intersected over a one-metre interval.

Only a very small part of the potential of the Luang Namtha concession area has been tested. The Company believes that the high grade copper/silver intercepts sampled at this stage of reconnaissance drilling are very significant and highly encouraging, indicating the potential of the area to host economic tonnages of copper/silver mineralisation.

Drilling Programme Summary. The reconnaissance drilling programme has focussed on the Pakieng area, where copper/silver and molybdenum/gold/silver targets were identified from Amanta's reconnaissance mapping and sampling programme, which were followed by grid soils and Induced Polarization (IP) surveys. A total of 14 drill holes were included in the programme.

Ten holes were drilled to test copper/silver anomalies, where outcropping mineralization has been identified over an area covering up to 10 km² and rock chip samples have yielded assay values of up to 6% Cu and 400 g/t Ag. Earlier drill holes had intersected significant copper/silver mineralisation, with hole PK 02 having a 17-metre interval grading 0.6% Cu and 20 g/t Ag, including a 2-metre interval grading 3.12% Cu and 99 g/t Ag, while hole PK 04 showed copper grades of up to 3.1% and silver grades of up to 260 g/t over a 1 metre interval within a 9-metre mineralised intersection.

Hole PK 09 was mineralized from surface down to 57 meters and, over a length of 42 metres (between 14 and 56 meters depth) averaged 0.14% Cu and 9.5 g/t Ag, including 9 metres, from 47 meters to 56 metres depth, at 0.3% copper and 32 g/t silver.

Four holes were drilled along a length of some 300 meters to test the molybdenum/gold/silver anomaly and high Mo grades were intersected, combined with gold and silver. The mineralized zone is open to the North and to the South, as indicated by the geochemical and geophysical data from the systematic surface work in 2009-10. The mineralized body is also open at depth as both drill holes PK 10 and PK 11 bottomed in mineralization, the capacity of the man-portable rig being just about 160 meters.

Hole PK 10 contained an interval of 32 metres grading 0.10% Mo, 0.25 g/t Au and 11 g/t Ag, including a 4-metre interval grading 0.52% Mo, 1.60 g/t Au and 51 g/t Ag. The hole ended in mineralisation, at a depth of 161 metres. Complete results for each of the four holes were reported in the Company's News Release dated May 12, 2011.

Quality Assurance / Quality Control. The drill contractor (Intergeo) transports core from the site to the Company's sample preparation facility in the village of Long, where the core is cut and sampled in sections of one metre, crushed by hand and fed through a hammer crusher to be crushed to approximately one millimetre size. A 250 gram sample is packed and numbered and samples are despatched in lots of up to 100 samples to the MAS laboratory in Bangkok.

In the MAS laboratory the samples are ground and pulverized to minus 200 mesh and assayed for 23 elements by ICP methods. Samples with values over the upper detection limit are then re-assayed for total copper and silver by AA methods. All samples with copper values over 1,000 ppm are assayed for gold by Fire Assay (30 gm sample). For QA/QC purposes, 'standard' samples are inserted at irregular intervals. These 'standards' represent about 10% of the total number of samples.

Other Amanta Projects. The Company has agreed to a Joint Venture to explore and develop a second copper/silver project in Laos and the parties are presently pursuing the necessary licences and permits to commence the project. Amanta also holds gold and tungsten interests in Thailand, including the Langu gold and tungsten property. With the Company's major focus on expanding its project interests in Laos, the Thai projects have been relatively inactive for the past 3 years. Pending a decision on further exploration or disposition of its interest in its Thai properties, the Company has written down the value of the Langu and Mae Chedi properties to a nominal amount for accounting purposes.

Geological Information contained herein has been verified by Pieter J. Bakker (Director, Chief Operating Officer – Amanta Resources Ltd.). Mr. Bakker satisfies the requirements of a Qualified Person as defined in the National Instrument 43-101 (Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects).

Resignation of Director. The Company announces that Mr. David P. Long has resigned as a Director. The Company wishes him well in his future endeavours.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
AMANTA RESOURCES LTD.

“Gerald D. Wright”

**Gerald D. Wright,
President & CEO**

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