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BARRICK GOLD

Turquoise Ridge Third Shaft To Double Annual Production

TORONTO - Barrick Gold is constructing a third shaft at Turquoise Ridge, which will allow the mine to roughly double annual production to more than 500,000 ounces per year (100 percent basis), at an average cost of sales of around \$720 per ounce, and average all-in sustaining costs of roughly \$630 per ounce. The contract for shaft sinking was awarded to Thyssen Mining during the first quarter, and mobilization planning is now underway. Procurement of long-lead-time items has begun, with major components such as the shaft hoist now ordered. Construction during the first quarter centered on well drilling activities, electrical distribution, and mine site utility construction and activation. The capital cost for this project is estimated to be \$300-\$325 million (100 percent basis). Initial production from the new shaft is expected to begin in 2022, with sustained production from 2023. At 15.56 grams per tonne, Turquoise Ridge has the highest average reserve grade in the Company's operating portfolio, and among the highest in the gold industry.

The Turquoise Ridge underground mine is located about 44 miles north-east of Winnemucca, Nevada. Barrick is the operator and 75% owner of the mine. Newmont Mining owns the remaining 25%. At 15.56 grams per tonne, Turquoise Ridge has the highest reserve grade in the Company's operating portfolio, and among the highest in the gold industry.

Barrick also reported that Goldrush is on track to become the Company's newest mining operation in the core district of



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Nevada. Decline construction, detailed engineering, and permitting (Environmental Impact Statement) are expected to take place between 2018 and 2020, with construction and initial production expected between 2021 and 2022, and sustained production expected from 2023. The first phase of the project involves the construction of an exploration twin decline to provide access to the orebody at depth, which will

enable further exploration drilling, as well as the conversion of existing resources to reserves. The exploration declines are permitted and can be converted into production declines in the future.

Goldrush currently has proven and probable gold reserves of 1.5 million ounces and measured and indicated gold resources of 9.4 million ounces, with significant potential to identify additional resources once underground

access to drill the deposit is established.

When in full operation, the Goldrush underground project is expected to produce approximately 500,000 ounces of gold per year. Portal pad construction for twin declines was completed in the first quarter of 2018, with decline construction now underway.

The Deep South project is expected to contribute approxi-

mately 300,000 ounces of annual gold production when fully ramped up between 2024 and 2028.

Barrick Nevada is an integrated gold mining operation that combines the Cortez and Goldstrike properties in Nevada. Operations at Cortez are split between two complexes: the Pipeline complex is mined via open pit; and Cortez Hills is mined via open pit and underground. Goldstrike consists of the Betze-Post open pit, and the Meikle and Rodeo underground mines.

The 2018 production outlook for Barrick Nevada is 2.255 million ounces. Proven and Probable Gold Reserves at Cortez is 10.0 million ounces, and Goldstrike is 8.4 million ounces.

Since 1990, Barrick Gold has found 129 million ounces of gold. The company's results are driven by the Barrick Exploration System (BXS), a proprietary system for identifying, evaluating, and ranking exploration projects that has been developed by Barrick over two decades. This system significantly increases the chances for success and ensures our exploration dollars are allocated to the projects with the best potential returns at the lowest risk.

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Drill Program Intersects Cu Mineralization In Pit Extension Zone

VANCOUVER - Nevada Copper Corp. reported results from the first two holes of its 2018 open pit diamond drill program, at the Company's 100%-owned, fully-permitted Pumpkin Hollow Project in Nevada. The previously announced program aims to expand the North Pit deposit and convert previously untested areas, historically classified as waste, to ore.



Both holes have encountered multiple zones of wide mineralization at shallow depth. Hole NC18-01, located in the previously undrilled Northern Extension Zone of the North Pit, intersected multiple zones of copper mineralization, including 42.7 meters true thickness averaging 2.05% copper. This mineralization is wider and of higher grade than adjacent holes and extends mineralization into areas previously classified as waste.

The first two holes encountered multiple zones of mineralization, including intersections that are both wider and higher grade than adjacent holes, such as hole NC18-01, with zones such as 42.7 meters true thickness averaging 2.05% copper. Further drilling is ongoing in Northern Extension and Core Area Zones. Mineralization expanded at high-grade North Pit: Hole NC18-01 expands mineralization to the

north into previously undrilled areas, and Hole NC18-02 has encountered multiple new zones of mineralization below the existing deposit. The Northern Extension Zone is currently classified as waste due to the absence of any prior drilling. The 2018 drill program aims to successfully convert waste to mineralization, which has the potential to reduce stripping costs and extend the ore body. Hole NC18-01 supports the thesis of converting material currently defined as waste to ore. Portions of the core area of the North Pit were previously classified as inferred resource due to wide drill spacing. The 2018 drill program also aims to successfully upgrade inferred mineralization to indicated category and above in order to enhance project economics. Hole NC18-02 supports the future ability to

upgrade resource classification in certain zones.

The Northern Extension Zone covers a large area adjacent to existing North Pit mineralization. The Northern Extension Zone was not previously drilled due to the now completed land transfer process. As a result, this large area within the existing North Pit shell was classified as waste in previous technical studies. Subsequent geological analysis has shown the Northern Extension Zone to be a highly-prospective area. The 2018 drill program aims to add mineralization to the open pit deposit, which has the potential to further enhance open pit economics by reducing stripping costs and extending the ore body.

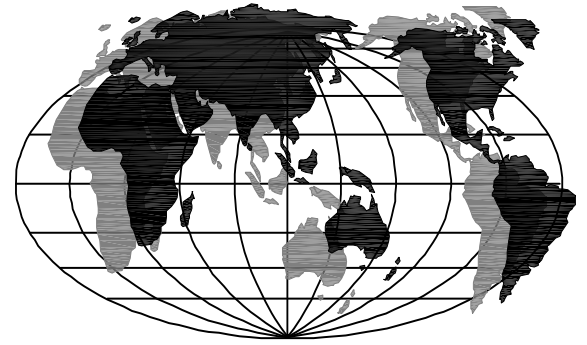
Matt Gili, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We are pleased to see

this successful start to the 2018 open pit drill program. These first holes both expand mineralization to the north and in the core of the North Pit, and are part of an ongoing drill program with the objective of extending mineralization and

converting waste to ore in the open pit."

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Goldcorp Continues With Pipeline Growth Of Projects

VANCOUVER - Goldcorp Inc. reported first quarter 2018 results. Net earnings were \$67 million, compared to net earnings of \$170 million, for the first quarter of 2017. Operating cash flows for the first quarter of 2018 were \$271 million compared to \$227 million for the first quarter of 2017. Adjusted operating cash flows were \$350 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$315 million for the first quarter of 2017.

Gold production of 590,000 ounces at all-in sustaining costs ("AISC") of \$810 per ounce, compared to 655,000 ounces at

AISC of \$800 per ounce for the first quarter of 2017. Full year 2018 guidance reconfirmed for gold production of 2.5 million ounces (+/-5%) at AISC of \$800 per ounce (+/-5%).

Solid execution on project pipeline in support of the Company's 20/20/20 growth plan. The Peñasquito Pyrite Leach project advanced to 86% completion, ahead of schedule, the Musselwhite Materials Handling project advanced to 65% completion, on schedule and 10% below budget and the Borden project is on track for commercial production by the

second half of 2019.

Key milestone achieved with the completion of the pre-feasibility study at NuevaUnión and advancement to the feasibility stage. The pre-feasibility study outlines a combined and phased approach to the development of the Relincho and La Fortuna deposits at NuevaUnión with a project containing 8.9 million ounces of proven and probable gold mineral reserves and 17.9 billion pounds of proven and probable copper mineral reserves (100% basis) to be produced over a 36 year mine life. The NuevaUnión project is

foundational to the Company's Beyond 20/20 program and its feasibility study is expected in 2019.

The program to implement \$250 million of sustainable annual efficiencies by the middle of 2018 is on track with \$210 million achieved as at the end of the first quarter of 2018 across the Company's portfolio. More than 100% of the \$250 million of efficiencies have been identified, with the program likely to be extended and the efficiency target increased, after the Company achieves its current target.

"Our operations again delivered on target quarterly results while we continue to execute very well on our robust pipeline

of growth projects, which together with excellent exploration results from across our portfolio, continues to enhance confidence in our 20/20/20 plan of growing production and reserves by 20%, and reducing AISC by 20% by 2021," said David Garofalo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Goldcorp. "The completion of a solid pre-feasibility study at NuevaUnión and the acceleration of study work, exploration and engineering at Century and Norte Abierto underpin our Beyond 20/20 pipeline of potential new long-life, low-cost and large-scale mines."

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Silver Range Reports On Yuge Property Exploration

VANCOUVER, BC - Silver Range Resources Ltd. reported geological mapping, sampling and geochemical surveys were completed at the Yuge property in Humboldt County, Nevada. The results from this work are pending. The Yuge property is under option to Trifecta Gold Ltd. and hosts high grade gold drill intercepts below shallow historical mine workings.

The reconnaissance program is being carried out by two crews investigating targets with reported high-grade (> 5 g/t Au)

gold mineralization. Results from this program should be available by the end of June.

The Yuge property is located in Humboldt County, approximately 55 kilometres south of Denio in the Varyville Mining District. The property covers the Columbia and Juanita Mines which produced on a small scale between 1870 and 1937. Most recent reported production was 2,350 tons in 1936-37.

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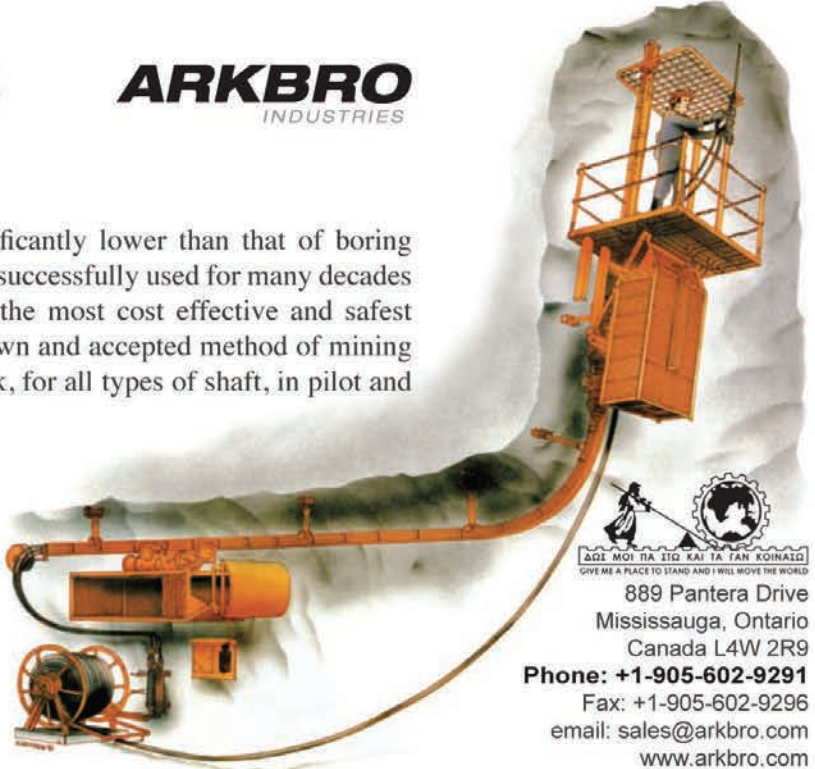
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Metallurgical Testing At The Candelaria Mine Project

VANCOUVER, BC - Silver One Resources Inc. has received encouraging assay results from the previously announced sonic drilling conducted on the leach pads, stockpiles and dumps on its 100% controlled Candelaria project in Nevada. Additionally, Silver One has submitted samples for metallurgical testing to evaluate the economics for recovery of silver and gold, based on the positive analytical results received.

Greg Crowe, President and CEO said, "The results to date are encouraging as the head grade of the leach pads, estimated at 43 g/t. Further, an average cyanide silver content of 56% for leach pad material and 64% for fresh material in stockpiles, combined with their respective silver grades reported, provide a very promising outlook for the project.

Historic silver recoveries at Candelaria ranged from 42% to 51% of the total silver through the heap leaching ores crushed at sizes below 1 inch. We believe that such recoveries may be improved by milling prior to leaching. The next step is to conduct metallurgical testing and the composite samples are now in the lab. We look forward to receiving metallurgical results to evaluate the economics for recovering silver and gold at Candelaria."

Drilling was conducted on a 200-metre spacing rectangular grid with a hole in the center (providing a nominal spacing of 141 metres to 200 metres between drill holes) on LP1, on a 100 metre grid in LP2, and on a 50 to 75 metre spacing grid on the stockpiles.

All drill holes are 6-inch core holes drilled with a sonic

rig and are vertical with variable depth between 1.5 metres to 96.6 metres. Sample intervals average 1.88 metres. Individual samples range from 0.6 metres to 3.96 metres all being true widths.

Results of preliminary cyanide bottle-roll tests conducted by the Company in December 2017 on samples collected near-surface on the leach pads, show recoveries between 15% to 20% of the total silver for material crushed to 1.7 millimetres (10 mesh). Reagents consumption was very low indicating that the cost of leaching the crushed material would be relatively inexpensive. Recoveries however, may be improved by milling prior to leaching. Therefore, current metallurgical testing is focused on evaluating milling-leaching scenarios. Further analyses of the samples will consist of additional bottle-roll tests at various finer fractions (-10, -65 and -200 mesh) using cyanide and ammonium thiosulfate. Results are expected by Q3 2018.

Candelaria was historically the highest-grade silver producer in the state of Nevada, averaging over 1,200 g/T AgEq (40 oz/t AgEq) from high-grade vein mining between the mid-1800s and the mid-1900s. Open pit mining operations were undertaken in the 1970s through 1998 by several companies, including Nerco, Inc. and Kinross. Kinross closed the open pit and leach operation in 1998 due to low silver prices. Leaching of the historic pads was not completed leaving a substantial amount of silver unprocessed.

The company continues to expand its ground holdings at Candelaria Silver Mine in

which it has staked an additional 416 claims to the east and south of the historic pits and heap leach pads. To date, the Company controls 12,345 acres

(4,996 hectares) of patented and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ground covering the areas of historic mining, leach pad processing and along

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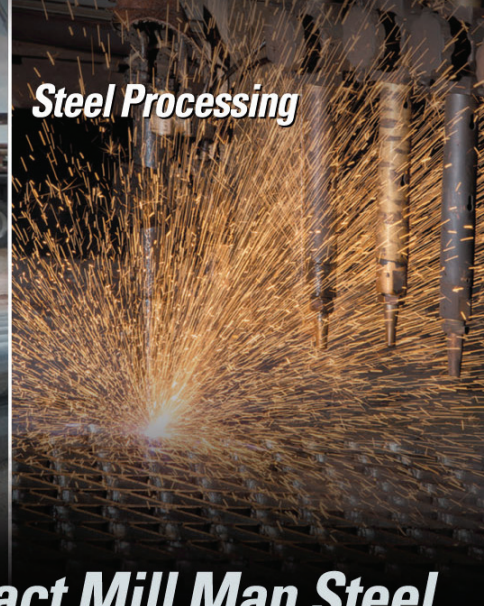
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New Jersey Mining Sells Its Idaho Toboggan Project

COEUR D'ALENE, ID - New Jersey Mining Company has sold its Toboggan project to Hecla Silver Valley, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hecla Mining Company. New Jersey's Toboggan property sold to Hecla Silver Valley was

comprised of the surface rights to the Little Baldy patented claims and 106 unpatented mining claims totaling more than 2,100 acres along a northwest-trending lineament of gold in quartz vein prospects within North Idaho's Murray Gold

Belt. The property is located three miles north of NJMC's Golden Chest Mine, which is currently producing gold from both open pit and underground operations.

The Toboggan project was a joint venture between Newmont

Mining Company and NJMC for the 2008 through 2010 exploration seasons, during which Newmont explored and analyzed multiple prospects. The entire data base generated by Newmont and NJMC was included in the sale to Hecla Silver Valley.

In addition to the monetary consideration, the sale terms include the establishment of a defined "Area of Interest" surrounding the Toboggan project, and within the Toboggan Trend. NJMC also retains a 2-percent Net Smelter Returns (NSR) royalty on the Toboggan property, of which Hecla Silver Valley has the right to buy back 1-percent for \$1-million.

NJMC CEO and President John Swallow stated, "We view this transaction as a win-win not only for Hecla and New Jersey, but also for the Murray Gold Belt and the future of the district.

This transaction is a testament to the long-term diligence of our team and the potential of the Murray Gold Belt. We welcome Hecla as a fellow regional landholder and as a NJMC shareholder."

NJMC controls more than 3,500 acres along the Murray

Gold Belt – including the producing Golden Chest Mine.

Gold was first discovered in the Coeur d'Alene District within the Murray Gold Belt in 1879, but by 1888 mining declined as the center of activity shifted to the Silver Valley following the discovery of the Bunker Hill, Sunshine, Lucky Friday, and other iconic regional mines. The rebirth of the long-forgotten Murray Gold Belt has been led by NJMC and its redevelopment of the Golden Chest Mine.

New Jersey Mining Company is headquartered in North Idaho, where it is producing gold at its Golden Chest Mine. NJMC has established a high-quality, early to advanced-stage asset base in three historic mining districts of Idaho and Montana, developed with more than \$50-million by NJMC and other companies. The Company's objective is to use its considerable in-house skill sets to build a portfolio of mining and milling operations, with a longer-term vision of becoming a mid-tier producer.

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Nevada is reserved for mining use. Portions of that acreage have already been reclaimed, are undergoing reclamation, or remain undisturbed. Newmont has been pouring gold in Nevada for over 50 years along a 100-mile corridor in the northern part of the state. The Nevada properties operate as an integrated unit and, together, they boast the widest variety of processing methods of any gold mining complex in the world. This allows us to maximize economic recovery of gold from a wide range of ore types and grades. In addition to gold, our operations produce silver and copper. Operations include 11 surface mines, eight underground mines and 13 processing facilities.

The company produced 1.21 million ounces of gold, with no change to the company's full year guidance 2018 results in the first quarter. The company delivered solid operating and financial results in the first quarter. Costs and production remained in line with guidance, and the next generation of prof-

itable mines. The net income from continuing operations of \$170 million, an increase of \$100 million from the prior year quarter primarily due to higher average realized gold prices. The adjusted net income was \$185 million, compared to \$136 million in the prior year quarter. Revenue rose eight percent to \$1.8 billion for the quarter from higher realized gold price.

Newmont's capital-efficient project pipeline supports stable production with improving margins and mine life.

Near-term development capital projects. Funding for Subika Under-ground, Ahafo Mill Expansion, Twin Underground, Quecher Main and Tanami Power projects has been approved and these projects are in execution. Additional projects represent incremental improvements to production and cost guidance. Internal rates of return (IRR) on these projects are calculated at a \$1,200 gold price.

The company's outlook reflects stable gold production and ongoing investment in its operating assets and most promising growth prospects. Newmont does not include development projects that have not yet been funded or reached execution stage in its outlook, which represents upside to production and cost guidance. North America production remains unchanged at between 2.0 and 2.2 million ounces in 2018. Production declines slightly in 2019 to between 1.8 and 2.0 million ounces due to planned stripping and will increase to between 1.9 and 2.1 million ounces in 2020 due to higher grades at Twin Creeks, Cripple Creek & Victor and Long Canyon.

The Company continues to pursue profitable growth opportunities at Carlin and Long Canyon. South America production remains unchanged at between 615,000 and 675,000 ounces in 2018. Production is expected to be between 590,000 and 690,000 ounces in 2019 with the addition of Quecher Main and between 475,000 and 575,000 ounces per year in 2020 as Yanacocha laybacks are mined out and Merian transitions from saprolite to hard rock. The Company continues to advance near-mine growth opportunities at Merian and both oxide and sulfide potential at Yanacocha. Production in Australia remains unchanged at between 1.5 and 1.7 million ounces in 2018. Production is expected to be between 1.4 and 1.6 million ounces in 2019 and 2020. In 2020, Boddington completes stripping and accesses higher grade ore which offsets the impact of processing lower grade stockpiles at KCGM. The Company continues to advance studies for a second expansion at Tanami. In Africa, production remains unchanged at between 815,000 and 875,000 ounces in 2018. Production is expected to be between 1.1 and 1.2 million ounces in 2019 as the Ahafo Mill expansion reaches commercial production and between 880,000 and 980,000 ounces in 2020 as both Ahafo and Akyem reach lower open pit grade. The company continues to advance the Ahafo North project and other prospective surface and underground opportunities.

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Drilling Begins At Tuscarora Gold Property In Elko

VANCOUVER, BC - American Pacific Mining Corp reported that drilling has commenced at the 1,818 hectare Tuscarora Gold Project in Elko Nevada. The staged drill program will include an initial 7500 feet of drilling, or approximately 10-12 holes. Results will be evaluated and then a second stage of drilling will complete the approximate 19-hole program.

Eric Saderholm, President & Director of APM commented, "There are two drills turning now at Tuscarora. The most cost-effective way to complete this program is to use a Reverse Circulation rig to drill through the gravel cover which varies between 150-550 feet, depending on the hole location. We will then case the holes in preparation for core drilling through the bedrock." Saderholm continued, "The hidden nature of the South Navajo Vein is the main reason that it remains intact and not already mined out by historical mining methods. Our increased land position and the open-ended nature of the Navajo Vein set puts us in an advantageous posi-

tion moving forward. We are now able to follow up and expand upon the positive results from Novo Resources' 2016 drilling. Historic drilling has been Reverse Circulation and coring will give us valuable information on the true nature and controls of the mineralization."

Optioned from Novo Resources in late 2017, the Tuscarora Gold Project is a low-sulfidation, epithermal property in Elko, Nevada. The District has had a sustained, exploration efforts since the early 1980's. This effort has been almost continuous, with each subsequent

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Relief Canyon Mine 2018 Drilling Program Results

LAKESWOOD, CO - Pershing Gold Corporation reported results from its ongoing 2018 drilling program. Expansion and resource growth is the focus of Pershing Gold's 2018 drilling program at the Relief Canyon Mine. It has two elements: Main Zone expansion drilling in and southwest of the pit, and the West Step Out Area. Three core rigs have completed 15,500 feet of drilling in the West Step Out Target Area and approximately 5,300 feet in the Main Zone Target Area. To date, the Company has completed 70% of the 2018 planned program. Assay results are reported in ounces per ton (opt) of gold (Au).

"Pershing Gold also reported drilling results from the Main Zone and West Step Out Target Areas," said Stephen D. Alfors, Chairman, President and CEO. "Recent drilling indicates that the Main Zone is substantially wider than in the existing pit, and this Main Zone continues up to 900 ft to the west of the existing pit. Additionally, gold grades and cyanide solubility are consistent with previous results in the Main Zone. This could result in increased tonnage in the Main Zone and in the pit itself, which could bring more tons earlier into the mine plan," explained Alfors. "West Step Out drilling indicates that zones of mineralization are continuous to the west. This confirmed continuity of mineralization may allow us to expand the pit up to 400 feet to the southwest. West Step Out drilling also resulted in several intercepts with grades substantially higher than historic results, which may result in enhanced economics for the project," stated Alfors.

Diamond drilling confirmed gold grades in the historic reverse circulation holes in the Main Zone at the Relief Canyon Mine. To date, average grades are very similar to those encountered by the historic reverse circulation drill results. Early drill results indicate that the development of Main Zone collapse breccia may be wider than indicated by the historic drill holes.

Drilling by Pershing Gold from 2013 - 2016 along the west margin of the Main Zone resource established evidence that a wider zone of collapse breccia was potentially in the Main Zone than was previously modeled based on the historic reverse circulation drill data. Drill holes such as RC18-514, RC18-515, and RC18-518 now provide confirmation that wider zones of Main Zone collapsed breccia continue for up to 900 feet to the east from holes RC16-485 and RC16-486.

The new core intercepts are substantially wider, up to 100 feet wider, than the adjacent historic reverse circulation drill holes while grades of gold, and cyanide soluble gold are consistent with the current resource model.

The Main Zone drilling program is providing excellent geological information, and a good visual look at the variabil-

ity of the texture and fines content of collapse breccia. The Company is now better able to map zoned alteration along the margin of the collapse breccia column.

Additionally, the historic data at Relief Canyon did not include silver results in the Main Zone, which we are now generating for the first time in the project's history. Silver values encountered thus far in the Main Zone typically range from 0.050 to 0.136 opt.

The West Step Out drilling is focused on extending mineralization to the west and southwest beneath cover, and has seen infill component to develop additional NI 43-101 reserves along the western margin of the current economic pit. Drill hole RC18-512 is the furthest hole to the southwest so far drilled at Relief Canyon and results continue to demonstrate continuity of the stacked mineralized zones for at least 1,000 feet beyond the current pro-

posed pit limit, and provide strong indication for potential future growth. Results from infill holes RC18-507 and RC18-508 contain higher average grades relative to nearby drill holes, and support the potential to convert measured and indicated resource to NI 43-101 reserves, and potentially expand the Whittle Pit for up to 400 feet to the west and southwest. Improved grades and a potential pit expansion could provide a positive impact

on the economics at the Relief Canyon project.

Relief Canyon Mine in Pershing County, Nevada. Relief Canyon includes three open-pit mines, expanding adjacent open-pit-able gold deposits, and a state-of-the-art, fully permitted and constructed heap-leach processing facility.

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Significant Resource Identified At The Lone Star Project

PHOENIX, AZ - Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (FCX) reported through exploration drilling, that it has identified a significant resource at its wholly owned Lone Star project located near

the Safford operation in eastern Arizona.

FCX has commenced an initial project to develop the Lone Star oxide ores with first production expected by the end of 2020.

Total estimated capital costs, including mine equipment and pre-production stripping, approximate \$850 million and will benefit from the utilization of existing infrastructure at the adjacent

Safford operation. At March 31, 2018, approximately \$35 million has been incurred for this project. Production from the Lone Star oxide ores is expected to average approximately 200 million

pounds of copper per year with an approximate 20-year mine life. The project also advances the potential for development of a larger-scale district opportunity. FCX is conducting additional drilling to follow up on positive exploration results as it continues to evaluate longer term opportunities available from the significant long-term sulfide potential in the Lone Star/Safford minerals district.

North America's consolidated copper sales volumes of 384 million pounds in first-quarter 2018 were higher than first-quarter 2017 sales of 375 million pounds, primarily reflecting timing of shipments. North America copper sales are estimated to approximate 1.5 billion pounds for the year 2018, compared with 1.5 billion pounds in 2017. In addition, the company also reported on the two Molybdenum mines. The Henderson underground mine and the Climax open-pit mine - both in Colorado. The Henderson and Climax mines produce high-purity, chemical-grade molybdenum concentrate, which is typically further processed into value-added molybdenum chemical products. The majority of molybdenum concentrate is produced at the Henderson and Climax mines. Production from the Molybdenum mines totaled 9 million pounds of molybdenum in first-quarter 2018 and 8 million pounds in first-quarter 2017.



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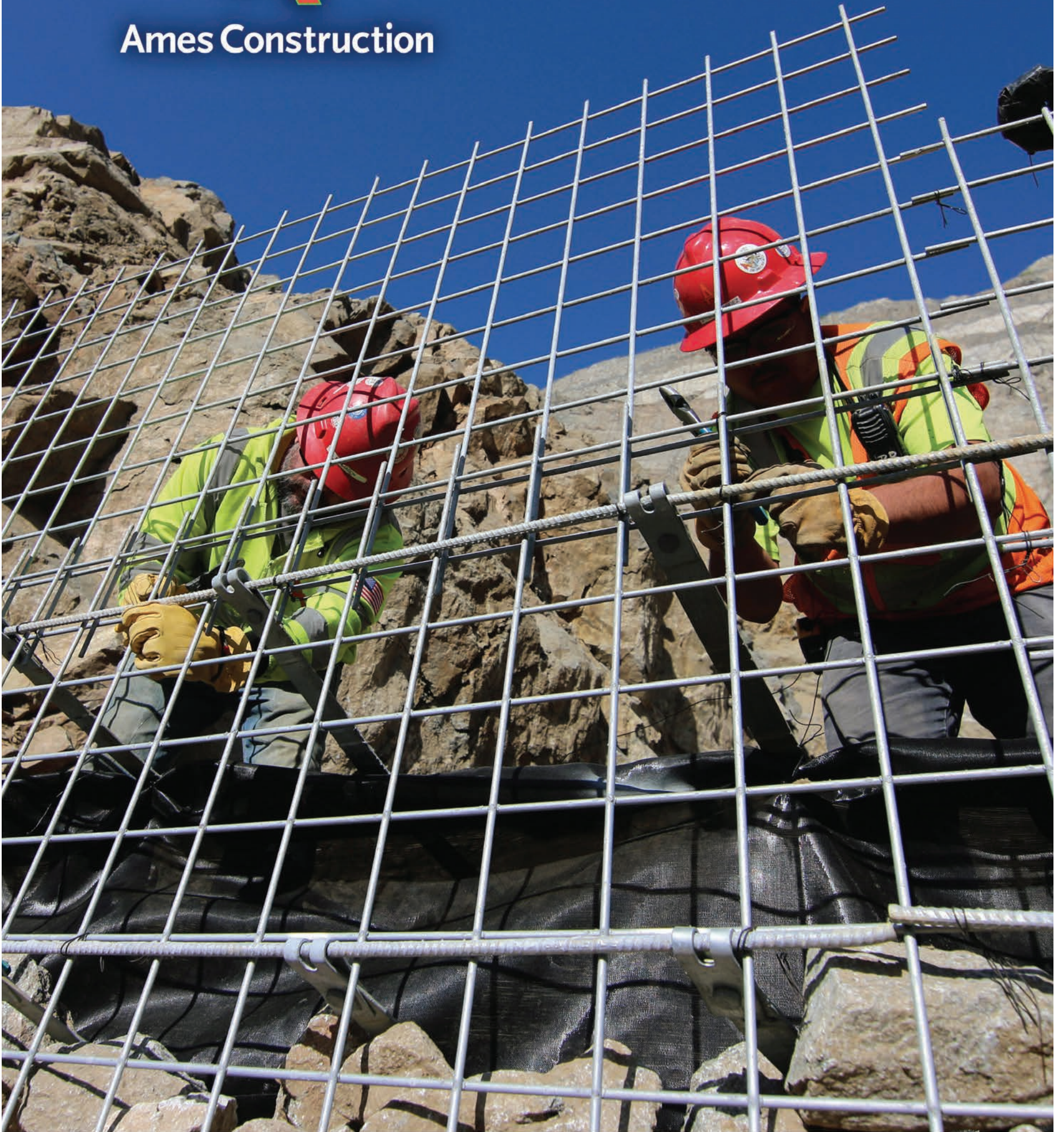
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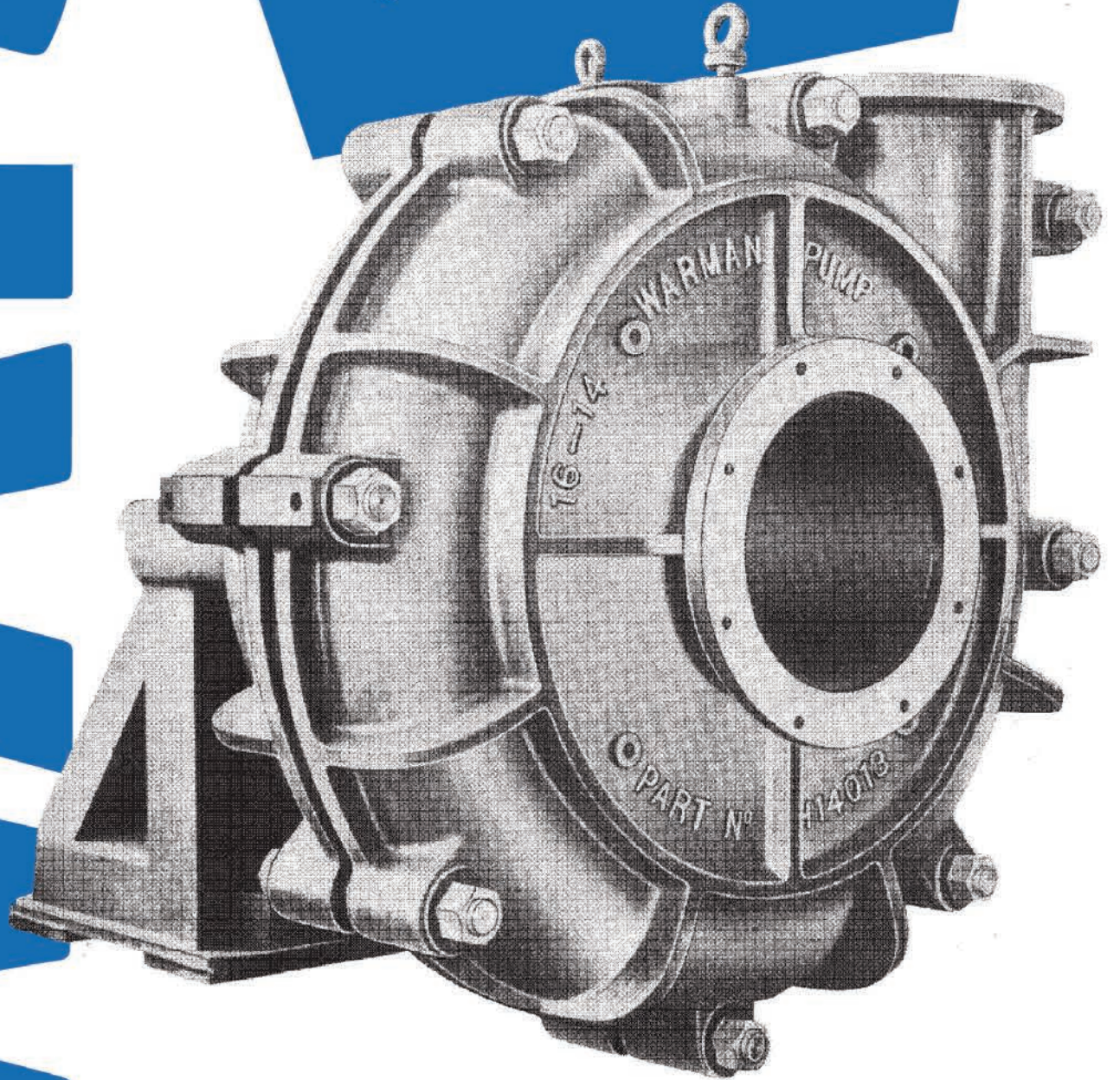
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Torq Acquires The Speedway Gold Property In Utah

VANCOUVER, BC - Torq Resources Inc. reported acquisition of the Speedway Gold Project, which is located in western Utah, approximately 7 km from the Nevada border, and about 50 km from Newmont's Long Canyon mine. The Speedway property is approximately 1,080 hectares of prospective terrain which hosts a large gold-in-bedrock anomaly. This leads Torq's technical team to believe that the underexplored area represents an early-stage Carlin-style gold target analogous to the Long Canyon mine.

Michael Kosowan, Torq's President and CEO said, "The geological prospects we see in western Utah are exciting. Coupled with the underexplored nature of this jurisdiction, this represents a great opportunity for our technical team. It's an excellent first step towards diversifying our exploration portfolio outside of Newfoundland."

Under the terms of the Speedway Agreement, the Company paid US\$25,000 upon signing and will be required to pay steadily escalating annual lease payments as well as the underlying claim fees. There is no

required work commitment and the Lease Agreement can be terminated at any time after one year. The Lease Agreement may be bought-out at any time for US\$1,000,000 subject to a buyable 2% royalty to the underlying owner.

The Property's gold-in-bedrock anomaly extends approximately four kilometres in length and at least one kilometre in width. Of the 800 historic samples taken from across this anomaly, 10 samples exceeded 1.0 g/t Au, 31 samples exceeded 0.5 g/t Au and 118 samples

exceeded 0.1 g/t Au. The samples yielded a maximum value of 2.53 g/t Au.

Reconnaissance by Torq personnel has revealed that gold mineralization is hosted in jasperoid rock, occurring in silicified and iron oxide-stained limestone. These jasperoids outcrop among weathered, argillized and decalcified limestone along thoroughgoing faults. Within these faults, the mineralization appears to continue under both pediment and what are presumed to be post-mineral tertiary volcanic rocks.

Limited exploration was con-

ducted on Speedway by BHP in 1996 and then again in 2016 by EMU NL, an Australian exploration company. A total of six holes were drilled in the pediment outboard and topographically below the anomalous rock samples. The orientation of these drill holes is unknown, but one BHP drill hole placed closest to the anomaly returned a historical intercept of 14 meters of 0.15 g/t Au. Following this, no detailed geological mapping, grid based geochemical sampling, geophysical studies, or drill programs were undertaken in or near the most

anomalous and prospective areas.

Dan McCoy, Torq's Chief Geologist states: "The size, strength and alteration of the Speedway gold-in-bedrock anomaly represent a significant opportunity for a new sediment-hosted gold discovery." Torq's technical team is moving ahead with geologic mapping and systematic rock sampling to determine the structural and stratigraphic controls on gold mineralization. The team is also designing geophysical and grid-based geochemical programs to define Carlin-style gold targets.

Hecla Reports On Exploration Success

COEUR D'ALENE, ID - Hecla Mining Company reported on its exploration programs during the first quarter. Casa Berardi has expanded the resources that could increase the potential size of the current East Mine Crown Pillar (EMCP) pit and the proposed 106, Principal and West Mine Surface Pillar open pits. Underground drilling of the 118, 121 and 123 zones at Casa Berardi continues to discover high-grade mineralization along trends. Surface drilling has defined high-grade extensions of the 160 Zone and south perimeter of the Principal Crown Pillar (123 Zone). Drilling of the Lac Germain satellite occurrence adjoining the Casa Berardi Mine has intersected strong, near surface mineralization along trend of the mine mineralization. San Sebastian continues to expand high-grade, polymetallic zones similar to the Hugh Zone on the Middle and Francine veins. Additional oxide mineralization is defined along the Professor and East Francine veins. Greens Creek exploration drilling continues to expand the resource along East Ore, Upper Plate, Deep 200 South and Deep

"In the first quarter we continue to see our strategy of investing in exploration adding value, with considerable exploration success across the portfolio," said Phillips S. Baker, Jr., President and CEO. "At Casa Berardi, discoveries near surface and at depth continue to reinforce our positive opinion of the long-term potential of the mine, and interesting drill results at the Lac Germain satellite occurrence reinforce that view. Finally, drilling at Greens Creek continues to discover high-grade mineralization that could enhance the already exceptional mine economics and mine life. In the second quarter, we plan to initiate drilling programs at Kinskuch in northern British Columbia, Little Baldy in Idaho and on surface at Greens Creek."



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Stage IV Leach Pad Boosts Production At The Rochester Mine

CHICAGO, IL - Coeur Mining, Inc. reported first quarter 2018 financial results as well as an overview of key operating and strategic achievements during the period. Financial results for the first quarter included revenue of \$163.3 million and net income of \$0.7 million. First quarter cash flow from operating activities was \$15.5 million, adjusted EBITDA was \$49.5 million, and free cash flow was \$(26.8) million. These results reflect strong production and cost performance at the Company's Palmarejo silver-gold mine in northern Mexico, including a second consecutive quarter of costs applicable to sales (CAS) per average spot silver equivalent ounce (AgEqOz) below \$7.00.

Performance was also impacted by (i) a normalization of production levels at the Rochester mine in Nevada, which benefited from a temporary boost to production during the prior quarter due to accelerated recoveries from the newly-expanded Stage IV leach pad and from the placement of higher-grade gold ore during the second half of 2017; (ii) planned lower grades during the quarter at the Wharf and Kensington mines; (iii) and a \$17.9 million increase in working capital compared to year-end 2017. Free cash flow during the quarter was additionally affected by capital expenditures of \$18.6 million related to the commissioning of operations at the Company's new Silvertip underground mine in British Columbia.

Coeur achieved several important milestones during the first quarter, which included commencing production slightly ahead of schedule at the Silvertip mine and announcing the results of a re-scoped mine plan and preliminary economic assessment (PEA) for its Rochester mine in Nevada. The PEA reflects plans to add high-pressure grinding roll (HPGR) technology to Rochester's crushing circuit, potentially improving silver recovery curves and doubling the mine's expected net asset value (NAV) to \$609 million. The Company also completed the sale of its wholly-owned Bolivian subsidiary and the San Bartolomé mine, the result of which is a North America-focused and U.S.-centric platform with a significantly improved geopolitical risk profile and cost structure. As a result of this transaction, the San Bartolomé mine is excluded from consolidated operating statistics and financial results for all periods presented unless otherwise noted.

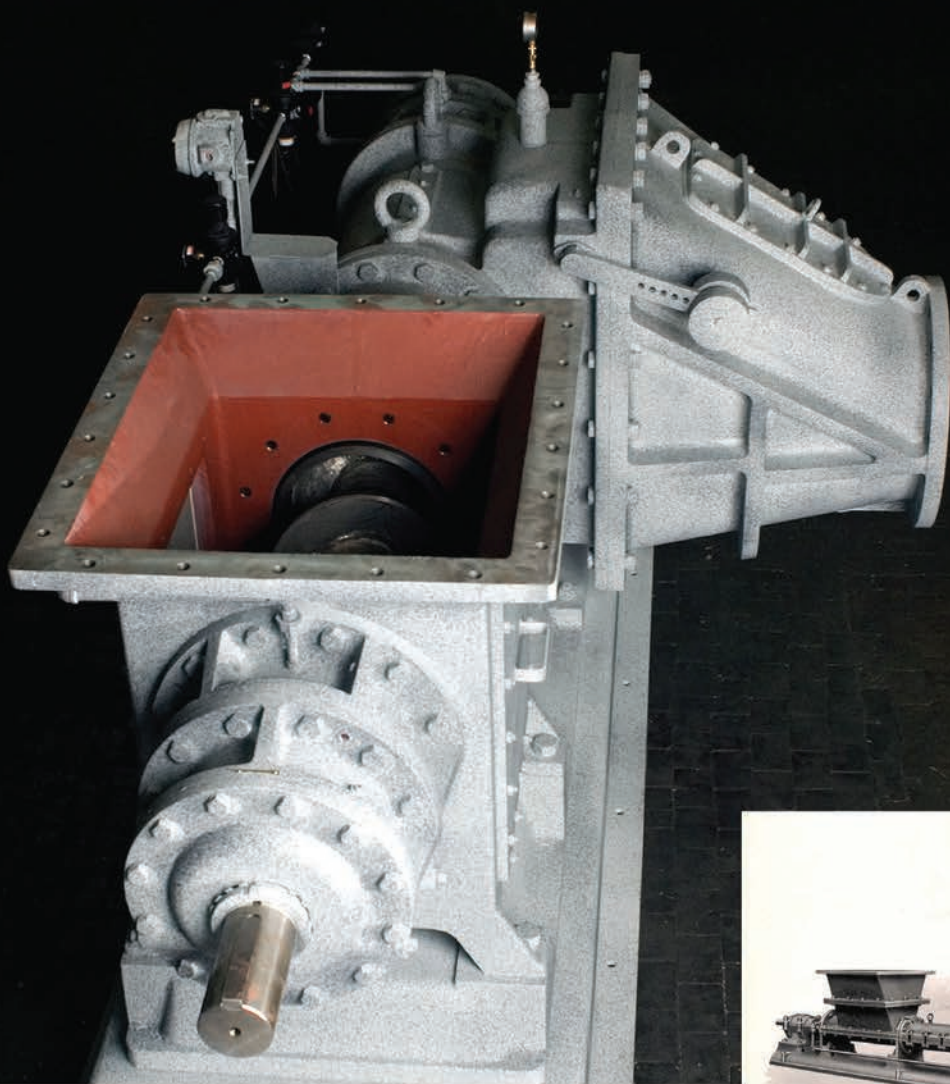
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Stibnite Gold Project Investment Appeal

TORONTO - Barrick Gold Corporation has entered into a subscription agreement to acquire 46,551,731 common shares of Midas Gold Corp. in a non-brokered private placement.

"Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold project in Idaho offers a compelling investment proposition, with low geopolitical risk, potential for production of over 300,000 ounces of gold per year at competitive operating costs, and exploration upside," said Barrick President Kelvin Dushnisky. "We are also impressed with the emphasis that Midas Gold has placed on building partnerships with local communities and share their strong commitment to environmental stewardship. We look forward to working with the Midas Gold team to explore opportunities to enhance the value of the project for all partners."

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Liberty Gold Reports On Black Pine Oxide Gold Project

VANCOUVER, BC - Liberty Gold Corp. reported the remaining results from a recent reverse circulation ("RC") drill program at the Black Pine Project, one of its three principal gold projects located in the prolific Great Basin of the United States.

Black Pine, located in southeastern Idaho, is a past-producing oxide - heap leach gold mine that contains a large, shallow, district-scale, Carlin-style gold system,

similar in nature to Liberty Gold's Goldstrike Project.

The drill program was designed to test five currently permitted target areas, four for verification and possible expansion of historical drill hole results and one to test the eastern edge of the main gold target area where historical base metal mining occurred.

In late 2017, twelve reverse circulation (RC) holes were suc-



square km area where historical soil samples grade between 0.10 and 0.50 g/t Au, which warrants an extensive drill program.

The Black Pine property is part of the Great Basin and located in southeastern Idaho, and covers 31.7 km². The mineralized zone was extensively drilled in the immediate pit areas, with mining carried out by Pegasus Gold Corp. from 7 shallow pits over a 6-year period from 1992 to 1997 in a run of mine heap leach operation. The mining operation produced 435,000 ounces of gold from ore averaging 0.63 g/t Au, with a reported recovery of 65%.

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cessfully drilled from five locations within a 12 square kilometre target area distinguished by the presence of historic pits, gold-in-soil anomalies and over 1750 historic drill holes. The drilling succeeded in validating and expanding historical results adjacent to historic pits and in established target areas and demonstrated exceptional exploration upside beneath the limit of shallow historical drilling.

On the basis of the validation drill program, compilation of 1874 historic holes, past production figures and comparison to the size and grade of other nearby sediment-hosted deposits, Liberty Gold is targeting a 2 to 4 million ounce oxide gold deposit (60-200 million tonnes grading between 0.4 and 1.5 g/t gold) in the main area of alteration and historic mining.

Potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource. The Company is targeting a Phase 2 drilling program in order to investigate the scope of multiple targets. This drill program will follow up on outstanding results from the A Basin area, J Anomaly and B pit extension, as well as test other high priority targets. A new Plan of Operations is pending that will open up access to the entire 12 square kilometre area of anomalous sur-

face soil and rock geochemistry and historic gold in drill holes for comprehensive drill testing. In particular, between and proximal to the historical C-D and E pits, there is an approximately 2.5



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48%; Average operating costs of \$199/ton, Cash Cost of \$788/oz Au and All-in Sustaining Cost (AISC) of \$897/oz Au; Indicated mineral resources of 1,045,000 tons at 0.327 oz/t Au and 0.861 oz/t Ag for 342,000 ounces of gold and 900,000 ounces of silver; Inferred mineral resources of 4,032,000 tons at 0.328 oz/t Au and 0.609 oz/t Ag

for 1,322,000 ounces of gold and 2,457,000 ounces of silver; Metallurgical recoveries of 82.7% for gold and 21.6% for silver; LOM gold production of 740,000 ounces during 8 years of operations; Average LOM annual gold production of 92,400 ounces; LOM capital cost of \$114.4 million after pre-development costs of \$25.8 million; Mine construction capital of \$46.6 million; and After-tax payback period of 4 years

"This PEA sets the stage for the Company's planned advanced-exploration initiative at Cove," stated Ewan Downie, President and CEO of Premier Gold Mines. "These results support our plan for the construction of an exploration ramp to further define and expand the deposits in advance of a future Feasibility Study."

The Project will process 2.93 million tons at an average grade of 0.305 oz/t Au producing 0.74 million ounces of gold over an 8-year period. The cost profile includes an All-in-Sustaining Cost of \$897 (net of by-product credits) per ounce of gold sold and an average Cash Cost (net of by-product credits) of \$788 per ounce of gold sold. Gold production will average 92,400 ounces per year over the 8-year mine life.

The PEA assumes mining of mineral resources in the Helen and Gap deposits only. Potential exists to increase mineral resources as the deposits remain open for expansion, as



well as adding potential mineral resources from the Cove South Deep and 2201 zones following underground exploration and delineation drilling. These opportunities will be reviewed during underground development and exploration drilling program.

Project after-tax NPV5 is estimated to be \$143.0 million. After-tax cash flows result in a 4-year payback from the commencement of commercial production with an after-tax IRR of 48%.

A total of \$25.8 million in pre-development costs have been excluded from NPV and IRR calculations within the PEA. These pre-development costs relate to advanced exploration, resource conversion, baseline studies and permitting activities to be completed prior to mine construction (estimated to occur in Q1-2021) and are considered sunk costs.

The PEA is preliminary in

nature, it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the PEA will be realized.

The Cove Project covers 700 acres and is in the center of the McCoy-Cove Exploration joint venture, 32 miles south of the Town of Battle Mountain, in the Fish Creek Mountains of Lander County, Nevada. It is centred approximately at 40°22' N and 117°13' W and lies within the McCoy Mining District. The Property hosts an historical open pit mine (Cove Pit), operated by Echo Bay Mines Ltd. (Echo Bay) between 1987 and 2001, which produced 2.6 million ounces of gold and 100 million ounces of silver.

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LUCERNE MINE PROJECT

Comstock Mining Advances Strategic Mining Joint Venture

VIRGINIA, NV - Comstock Mining Inc. reported that Tonogold Resources, Inc. has successfully completed the first phase of the Option Agreement, having invested approximately \$1 million during the past six months toward the evaluation and assessment of the Lucerne Mine Project's resource and preliminary economic feasibility and also having paid the Company an additional \$2 million for the right to extend the option. The Option Agreement established a series of requirements, including technical and financial analysis, along with

additional funding milestones for Tonogold to earn a share of the Company's Lucerne Mine Project.

The first milestone granted Tonogold six months to conduct an initial review of the project. During this period, Tonogold invested approximately \$1 million in project costs, including a due-diligence assessment of the Lucerne Resource. Tonogold commissioned Mine Development Associates of Reno, NV (MDA), to independently assess and begin modelling a portion of the Lucerne resource area. This

work is in preparation for the intermediate objective of an NI 43-101 resource report and then towards a feasibility study.

In order to maintain and progress the option to earn-in, Tonogold will now continue investing toward a cumulative \$7 million for Lucerne by October 3, 2019, and a cumulative \$20 million by April 3, 2021, and must produce a technical and economic feasibility assessment for mining the Lucerne resource. Under the Agreement, when Tonogold completes the \$20 million investment, and other related prerequisites, Tonogold and Comstock would then affect a joint venture for the future mining of the Lucerne mineral resource. In addition to the \$2.2 million already received by the Company from Tonogold, the investments also include at least \$1.2 million in annual subsidies for the Company.

Corrado De Gasperis, Executive Chairman and CEO of the Company said, "We are pleased with the geological analysis and advancement, to date, on the Lucerne resource and the diligence of our mining partner and their advisors. The next phase should accelerate the evaluation, drilling and development activities, while continuing to lower our annual costs by approximately one-third."

The evaluation program is currently directed at producing a robust resource model for Lucerne as well as assessing a series of geological targets in the Silver City Branch of the Comstock Lode, including the Succor vein systems, the historic Woodville Bonanza system and the PQ target. These initial targets represent the core of a broader geological corri-



dor. Previous surface drilling in the area suggests more than 1,000 feet of mineralized strike in the Succor zone, trending east from the Lucerne Cut, with good potential to yield high-grade gold and silver. The 1,000-foot plus Succor Vein Target has an average true width of 15 feet and an average dip of 65 degrees. The structure has reported historic mining grades of approximately 0.54 ounces per ton of "recovered" gold per ton and is open to the east and at depth, along the entire structure. The nearby Woodville Bonanza structure includes the same supporting historical mappings with reported historic mining grades of 0.749 ounces of gold per ton. The Woodville has significant current drill data including 116 intercepts of at least 10 feet, grading over 0.22 ounces per ton gold and 1.59 ounces per ton silver.

De Gasperis, concluded, "This venture has diligently focused on developing a sus-

tainably profitable mine. We feel the full potential of Lucerne depends on this type of technical collaboration, with the right partner and capital to enable it. Ultimately, Tonogold plans to invest over \$20 million for 51% of the Lucerne Mine. Their methodical, technically diligent and credible advancement through the first phase, meeting all commitments and milestones, speaks for itself."

The Company's debenture obligation requires that they use 70% of these proceeds for debt reduction. The Company has now reduced long-term debt by a total of \$1.6 million in April, lowering the debenture principal balance to \$7.9 million. The Company also had cash and cash equivalents of \$2.0 million at March 31, 2018, excluding any additional net proceeds received from the option payment that was not used to pay down debt.

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Blackrock Gold Reports On The Silver Cloud Project

VANCOUVER - Blackrock Gold Corporation reported that its CEO Greg Schifrin has recently conducted a site visit to its recently optioned Silver Cloud Property in Elko County, Nevada to evaluate the property and potential drill targets. A review of all the historic Silver Cloud Property data is under examination from past property Lessee's including Teck Re-

sources, Placer Dome and Geologix.

The data review and 3-D modeling of the previous drill data will help in the location of drill targets for Blackrock Gold Corp's 2018 drill campaign. In addition BRC is in the process of completing drill permit notification for the Silver Cloud Property which will be submitted to the Bureau of Land

Management Elko District Office.

The drill permit notification will be submitted shortly after the data review is complete and drill site locations are sited on the ground.

BRC is using the Hollister Mine and Midas Mines geologic models, correlating them to Silver Cloud, to generate drill targets.

Greg Schifrin said, "The hot spring sinters at Silver Cloud are massive and extensive and very similar in characteristics to the Hollister Mine right next door. The previous high grade gold intercepts at Silver Cloud in the historic drilling by Teck and Placer Dome are very encouraging for continued positive results at this project."

BRC plans to commence it

drilling program during the summer of 2018 pending drill permit notification approval. The BRC management team is working collectively to expeditiously advance the Silver Cloud project to drilling.

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In-Pit Tailings Storage – Converting Liabilities Into Assets

By Matt Fuller, CPG, P.Geo
Tierra Group International, Ltd.

Following the August 2014 Mt. Polly tailings dam breach in British Columbia, Canada, the British Columbia Government, through the Ministry of Energy and Mines, together with the Williams Lake Indian Band and the Soda Creek Indian Band, chartered an independent expert investigation and review panel (the Panel) to investigate and report on the dam breach. In addition to determining the cause of the Mt. Polly dam breach, the Panel (Morgenstern, Van Zyl, and Vick) was requested to make recommendations to government on actions that could be taken to ensure that a similar failure does not occur at other mine sites. One of the Panel's recommendations was, where possible rely on subterranean tailings disposal methods (e.g. exhausted mine pits, underground workings etc.).

While not unprecedented, subterranean tailings disposal in exhausted pits is not as com-

mon as one might think for a variety of reasons.

- Alternative tailings storage facilities must be used during open-pit development;

- Segregating mine pits to accommodate tailings disposal in one pit area while mining a separate pit area can be logistically infeasible and cost prohibitive;

- Mining commonly (not always) ends when an open-pit resource is exhausted;

- Compromising access to underground ore via an in-pit portal;

- Although physical stability (containment) is feasible, preventing chemical constituents contained in supernatant (interstitial and free tailings water) from interacting with groundwater can be a challenge; and

- Lining pit walls (using geosynthetics) to prevent tailings interaction with the outside environment (containment) may be technically infeasible or, cost-prohibitive.

Storing "conventional" mine tailings (slurry tailings of

35 – 45% solids by weight) in exhausted pits has been successfully used in remotely populated areas (particularly in Australia) where regulatory compliance is feasible.

At one mine in Latin America, a major Mining Company successfully back-filled an exhausted mine pit using filtered tailings. Filtered tailings were dewatered to a nominal 14% moisture content before being "dry-placed" in a spent mine pit. Once the pit was full the tailings were stacked above ground level serving as a high-wall buttress above the pit. The dry tailings were then vegetated to establish a stable post-mining landform.

In 2013, more than a year before the Mt. Polly tailings dam breach, Tierra Group International, Ltd. (Tierra Group) proposed, to a Canadian mining company doing business in Latin America, using an exhausted mine pit to store the final few years of tailings production from an underground mine (in lieu of constructing an expensive tailings dam raise). The proposed action posed several technical, environmental, and social challenges, such as:

- Conventional slurry (35% solids:water) required managing a large volume of water in a confined, "unlined" basin (pit);

- Geologic faults through the pit posed potential conduits for exfiltrating tailings water to the environment;

- Difficult pit wall lining; and

- Initial public, regulatory and owner skepticism.

The owner's intrigue, desire to advance tailings storage technologies, and an opportunity to minimize end of life tailings disposal costs, permitted Tierra Group to pursue an in-pit tailings storage alternative. Tierra Group embarked on an alternative analysis that evaluated;

- Low-permeability pit wall lining;

- Thickened/filtered tailings;

- Conventional slurry tailings; and

- Zero-head pit boundary.

Tierra Group's alternative analyses included tailings dewatering testing and conceptual design, geological mapping, geotechnical and hydrogeologic field investigations, geochemistry, groundwater modeling, hydrology and water balance modeling. Ultimately it was determined that by combining a zero-head boundary at the pit wall-tailings interface with an infiltration capture and reclaim system, and a prescriptive tailings deposition plan; conventional, slurry tailings could be safely stored in the pit. Constructing a zero-head pit boundary would prevent tailings supernatant from leaving the pit. An infiltration capture and reclaim system would create a draw-down effect in the pit that not only complimented the zero-head boundary technique, but improved tailings consolidation (increasing storage capacity). A systematic tailings deposition plan optimized water management practices.



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Benefits realized from this approach are:

- Economic gold recovery from the remaining ore body;
- Safe tailings containment through the mine’s end of life without having to construct an expensive TSF dam raise or develop a new TSF;
- Provides for progressive pit reclamation during operations;
- Removes the potential for an operational or post-closure tailings dam failure; and
- Sets a socio-environmental industry precedent for future mining operations to safely manage their tailings long-term.

Tierra Group is applying the institutional knowledge and lessons-learned from the zero-head concept and applying them to another in-pit conventional tailings disposal concept in Mexico. In this case, a different Canadian mining company intends to re-mine “spent” heap leach ore from a pad that experienced poor

recovery during operations. Re-processed spent-ore tailings will be used to backfill an existing pit, providing all the previously listed benefits.

Tierra Group and their forward-looking clients embraced the Mt. Polly Technical Review Panel recommendations and applied them to real-world circumstances. Using a multiple-working-hypothesis approach utilizing all current Best Available Technologies (BAT) Tierra Group is expanding the safe tailings management envelope envisaged by the. In so doing, our clients are implementing safe tailings disposal methods, and converting long-term closure liabilities into useful, and SAFE, operational assets.

Matt Fuller, CPG, P.Geo. is a Founding Principal with Tierra Group International, Ltd. Tierra Group’s Engineering Team has been providing tailings stewardship services throughout the Americas since 1990.

The Juina Claims In Mato Grosso

VANCOUVER - Maxtech Ventures Inc. reported updates on operations at the Company’s flagship properties in Juina in Mato Grosso, Brazil. Maxtech’s Brasnorte Project is located in Juina, Mato Grosso, and many levels obtained on the claim were 50%+ manganese metal, with analyses performed by SGS Geosol Laboratorios LTDA., Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Maxtech received the final Juina claims geological review which is the key element to the Guia process of the Brazilian Departamento Nacional de Produção Mineral (DNPM).

The Brazil-based geologist noted the claim is composed of manganese mineralization with structural characteristics of tectonic interleaving where the outcrops are well exposed within the area.

The trial mining license, or Guia application, prepared by the Brazil-based geologist has been successfully logged. Departamento Nacional de Produção Mineral (DNPM), and all the associated fees have been paid and confirmation of the processo code has been received. Upon approval of the plan, will then grant the Preliminary Environmental License (LP).

The Brazil-based geologist

2018 National Mining Hall Of Fame Inductees

LEADVILLE, CO - The National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum (NMHFM) announced the 2018 National Mining Hall of Fame inductees. This year’s inductees, selected by the National Mining Hall of Fame’s Board of Governors, represent exploration, extraction, management, education, and research and development in the U.S. mining industry. Their contributions have had significant and lasting impacts on the mineral and mining industry; these individuals were selected for being mavericks, thought leaders, researchers, educators, mentors, wealth builders, and philanthropists.

Professor John M. Guilbert, Dr. Leo J. Miller, Robert E. (Bob) Murray, and Douglas (Doug) B. Silver will join 240 other mining industry luminaries when formally inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame on September 29th, 2018. Additionally, the Prazen Living Legend of Mining Award will be presented to the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. The 31st Annual Induction Banquet and Ceremony will be held at the Ritz-Carlton in Denver, CO.

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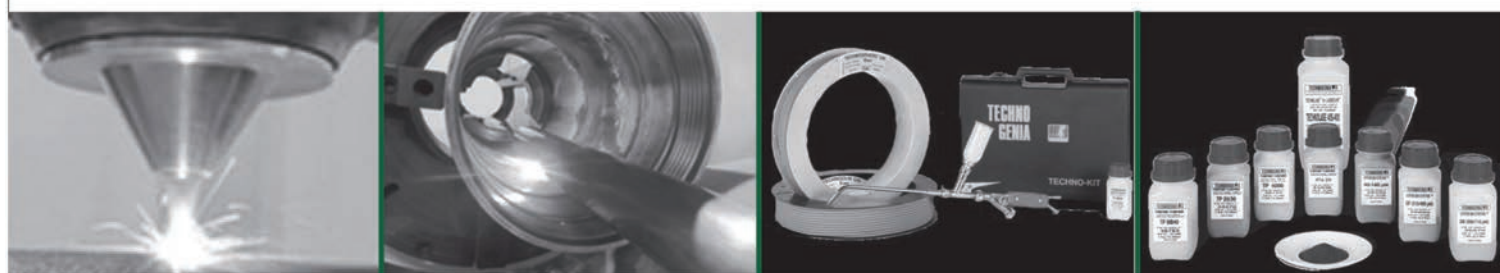
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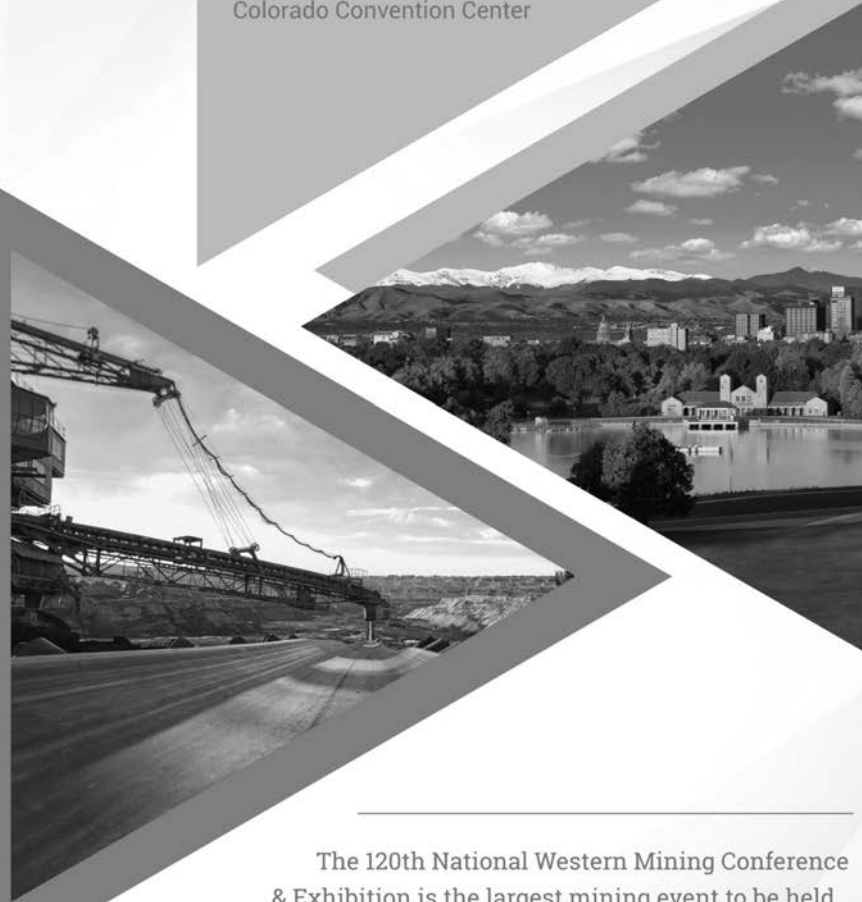
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Growth Strategies For The Nevada Ann Mason

VANCOUVER - Mason Resources Corp. reported its focus going forward will be to maximize market value through assessing and executing on options to move its Ann Mason copper-molybdenum porphyry project in Nevada forward, possibly including introducing one or more strategic partners. In addition, Mason is undertaking a process to prioritize and progress other growth strategies involving its Lordsburg copper-gold porphyry property in New Mexico and additional potential new exploration acquisitions. Fiscal responsibility, including restricting cash expenditures to value adding activities, remains a high priority.

The Company expects to spend between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million for the 2018 year, which includes \$0.4 million for corporate costs, investor relations, and compliance and the balance related to the Ann Mason

Project and Lordsburg property.

The Ann Mason Project is believed to be the 4th largest undeveloped copper porphyry resource in Canada/U.S.A. and remains open in several directions. On May 10, 2017, Mason filed its NI 43-101 technical report titled "2017 Updated Preliminary Economic Assessment on the Ann Mason Project, Nevada."

The Company is currently evaluating options for its Ann Mason Project, which may include optimizing certain aspects of the 2017 PEA, commencing a Pre-Feasibility study and testing high priority exploration targets with potential to provide alternative production options.

The Company is targeting expenditures of between \$0.7 million and \$0.9 million for the 2018 year, including claim fees and payments, site maintenance and local administration costs.

ZORO PROJECT, MANITOBA

Highest Grade Intercept To Date

VANCOUVER - Far Resources Ltd reported results from its 2018 winter drill program at its Zoro Lithium Project near the historic mining community of Snow Lake in mining friendly Manitoba, including drilling the highest grade intercept to date, 16 metres of 1.8% Li₂O in deep drilling on Dyke 1. The program consisted of 16 drill holes and 2,472 metres targeting the spodumene-bearing pegmatites on the property.

Toby Mayo, Interim CEO said, "We are clearly very excited by these results, which show not only the consistency

of high-grade mineralisation at depth at Dyke 1, but also the potential for adding significantly to the Company's future resource base through our ongoing, multi-faceted exploration approach. Furthermore, the recently completed aeromagnetics survey, combined with a planned expansion to the highly successful MMI programme, give us great confidence in adding more high-grade lithium at Zoro. Meanwhile, we are eager to commence drilling at Hidden Lake in NWT, where we expect to achieve similar results in the next month."

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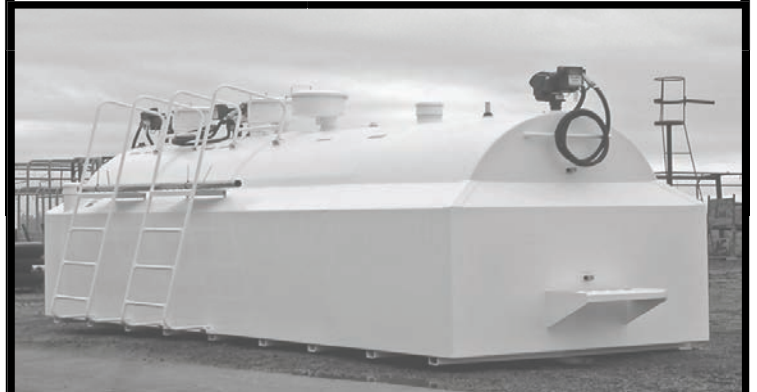
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MILWAUKEE - NioCorp Developments Ltd. has awarded a major contract to Rockwell Automation to engineer, design and procure process automation and instrumentation for NioCorp's proposed critical minerals, mining and processing facility in Elk Creek, Nebraska.

Three superalloy metals – niobium, scandium and titanium – are expected to be produced by the facility as early as 2021. These critical materials are used in the aerospace, defense, automotive, clean energy, commercial aviation and mega-

infrastructure sectors. Generally, these superalloys enable increased strength and lighter weight in transportation and other systems, leading to better fuel efficiency and lower greenhouse gas and other air emissions, according to NioCorp.

"We selected Rockwell Automation and its partners to automate our process equipment and power control systems with the goals of optimizing material handling and processing, increasing efficiencies and reducing time to market," said Mark Smith, Executive Chairman and CEO, NioCorp. "Their combination of industry expertise, proven methodologies and advanced automation technology should help us develop a truly world-class mine that can initiate the first-ever greenfield mining and processing of niobium and scandium in the United States."

Rockwell Automation will be the main automation contractor

for this project. The system integration will be provided through MAVERICK Technologies, a Rockwell Automation company that specializes in process automation solutions. Endress+Hauser, a strategic alliance partner, will provide field instrumentation including analysis, temperature, pressure, level and flow measurement devices, along with valves and related field devices and services.

The Elk Creek Project is known to be the highest-grade niobium deposit in North America. Once in full-scale production, the NioCorp facility is expected to produce more than 7,000 tonnes of ferroniobium, 103 tonnes of scandium trioxide and over 11,000 tonnes of titanium dioxide each year, with a 32-year operating life.

The company's address is Suite 115 - 7000 South Yosemite Street, Centennial, CO 80112, (720) 639-4647.

AUSTRALIA

Encouraging Results At Mt. Roe Project

VANCOUVER - NxGold Ltd. has completed the initial mapping program at its 80%-owned Mt. Roe Gold Project located in the Pilbara Gold Region near Karratha, Western Australia. Due to the encouraging results from the Mt. Roe Project, the Company has given notice to withdraw from the Chicobi Project in order to focus on its Mt. Roe and Kuulu Gold Projects.

The initial mapping program at Mt. Roe has significantly increased the prospective contact from 4km to 7km, greatly increasing the potential scale of the gold target horizons present in the project. Intense prospector activity, marked by numerous detector holes, were mapped adjacent to the prospective conglomerate contact.

In addition, NxGold has recovered fine gold at surface which is in addition to the numerous 'melon seed-style' gold nuggets interpreted to be associated with the now extended prospective conglomerate contact. The gold was recovered by sluicing approximately 100kg of remnant scrapings adjacent to the conglomerate contact at Dry-Blower Gully.

Hand samples and thin sections of conglomerate material from exposed conglomerates, gritty sandstones and sediments associated with a mapped distinctive volcanic horizon inferred to occur stratigraphically below the conglomerate exposure are being reviewed. A geological model which will be updated as more data is uncovered has been developed which will inform work to test for the thickness of the prospective horizon and distribution of gold.

The Company's next steps include the exposure of the conglomerate unit and its upper and lower contacts, systematic stream and gully sampling along the inferred conglomerate contact to evaluate the gold enrichment, and is contemplating a systematic soil sampling program to further identify potential sources of fine gold on the property. Results of these activities will be reported when available.

Due to the positive results to date at the Company's Mt. Roe project, it has given notice to withdraw from the Chicobi project in order to focus its capital and effort on the Mt. Roe Project.

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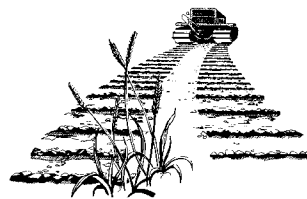
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Approval For Isabella Pearl Gold Project In Mineral County

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – Gold Resource Corporation has been granted a positive Record of Decision (ROD) on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Isabella Pearl open pit heap leach gold project located in Mineral County, Nevada.

This final permit, along with approval from the Company's Board of Directors to move the

Project into production, mark a major milestone for the Company's Nevada Mining Unit. Gold Resource Corporation is a gold and silver producer, developer and explorer with operations in Oaxaca, Mexico and Nevada.

In addition to the ROD and EA permit, the Plan of Operation (POO) for the Project has been approved by both the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

With these final permits, along with permits for mercury, water, air and other ancillary permits already in place, the Company has all the regulatory approvals necessary to construct, operate and pour dore at the Project.

The Company recently announced the Project's Proven and Probable Reserve totaling 192,600 gold ounces and targets to produce approximately 153,000 gold ounces over an initial four-year mine life. The Project estimates annual recovered gold ounces (oz's) of: 29,000 oz's year one, 41,000 oz's year two, 41,000 oz's year three and 42,000 oz's year four.

The Company anticipates adding to the Project's reserves with future exploration drilling and has identified two new exploration targets within the existing permitted mine plan, Scarlet and Civit Cat North, along with numerous exploration targets along the Company's Isabella Pearl claims covering six miles of structural trend.

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2.5 Million Oz. Of Silver And 57,808 Oz. Of Gold Production

COEUR D'ALENE, ID - Hecla Mining Company reported preliminary silver and gold production results for the first quarter of 2018. Silver produc-

tion of 2.5 million ounces, and gold production of 57,808 ounces. Silver equivalent production of 10.7 million ounces and gold equivalent production

of 134,903 ounces. Lead production of 5,627 tons; zinc production of 15,211 tons. Throughput at Casa Berardi continues at a record pace. The company

entered into agreement to acquire Klondex Mines Ltd, with 3 high-grade Nevada gold mines, potentially adding 162,000 ounces of annual gold equivalent production.

"Our mines are performing well due to the strength of our operating teams and consistent and disciplined capital programs that have improved these long-lived mines," said Phillips S. Baker, Jr., Hecla's President and CEO. "Greens Creek continues growing throughput, primarily due to increased efficiency at shift change as we utilize new technologies like remote monitoring systems and automated use of the LHD. Casa Berardi is now fully an underground and open pit mine and continues to set throughput records.

San Sebastian's production is primarily from stockpiled open pit material as we transition to the underground. The cash position is the second highest in the past 6 years, and we expect to deploy it to acquire Klondex in the second quarter."

At the Greens Creek mine, 1.9 million ounces of silver and 13,118 ounces of gold were produced. Lower gold production, when compared to the first quarter of 2017, was due to lower ore grades as a result of mine sequencing, partially offset by higher mill throughput. The mill operated at an average of 2,349 tons per day (tpd).

Lucky Friday mine reported that 99,780 ounces of silver were produced for the first quarter. Production is lower as compared to the first quarter of 2017 due to the ongoing strike by unionized employees. Limited production and capital

improvements, performed by salaried staff, and limited shipments of concentrate occurred in the first quarter.

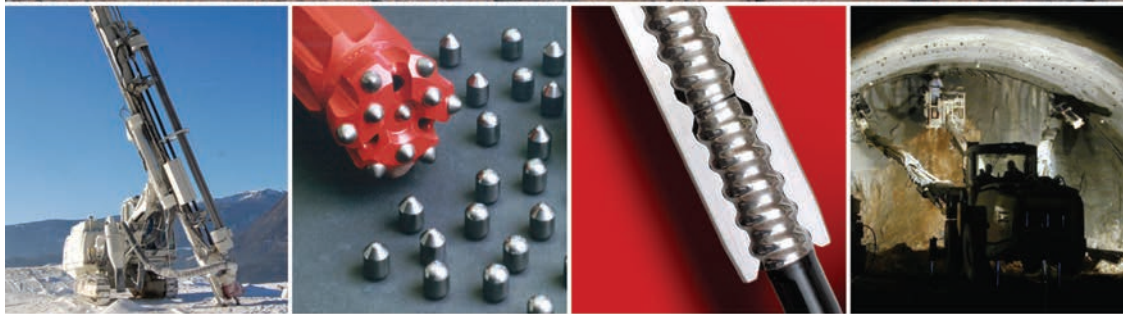
The Casa Berardi mine, 40,177 ounces of gold were produced, including 10,655 ounces from the East Mine Crown Pillar pit, in the first quarter of 2018. The mine produced as expected, with an increase of 4,370 ounces compared to the first quarter of 2017. The mill operated at an average of 3,873 tpd, a quarterly record.

At the San Sebastian mine, 0.5 million ounces of silver and 4,513 ounces of gold were produced in the first quarter of 2018. Although silver and gold production as compared to the first quarter of 2017 were lower, both still exceeded the estimates for the quarter due to the amount of higher-grade stockpile material processed. The mill operated at an average of 382 tpd.

Founded in 1891, Hecla Mining Company is a leading low-cost U.S. silver producer with operating mines in Alaska, Idaho and Mexico, and is a growing gold producer with an operating mine in Quebec, Canada.

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Additional Higher-Grade Mineralization In Pan Mine Area

VANCOUVER, BC - Fiore Gold Ltd. reported results from an additional seven holes of its 2018 drill program at its Pan Mine in Nevada, part of a long-term program aimed at expanding the resource and reserve base at Pan. The current drilling is aimed at expanding reserves and resources near the North Pit which hosts most of the silica-rich rocky ore at Pan. Drilling is also planned for the Central area of the deposit to expand existing resources there as well as test new targets. Mining at Pan is currently taking place in both the rocky North Pan Zone and the clayey South Pan Zone, with the run-of-mine ores blended on the leach pad.

The seven holes were drilled near the northern end of the North Pit, at Red Hill and in the West Contact area on the western side of the North Pit. The holes were intended to test the potential to expand the existing oxide reserves both at depth and laterally beyond the current reserve boundaries. The 2017 Pan Mine Feasibility Study defines Proven and Probable reserves of 318,000 gold ounces at an average grade of 0.51 g/t gold (0.015 oz/ton), with reserve cutoff grades of 0.21 g/t gold for the North and Central pits, and 0.14 g/t gold for the South Pit.

Highlights from these seven holes include: Hole PND18-27 returned 16.8 metres of 0.96 g/t

(55 ft of 0.028 oz/t) at Red Hill; Hole PND18-28 intercepted 45.7 m of 0.72 g/t gold (150 ft of 0.021 oz/t gold) at Red Hill; and Hole PND18-29 drilled 36.6 m of 0.56 g/t gold (120 ft of 0.016 oz/t) in the West Contact area.

Tim Warman, Fiore's CEO said, "The new intercepts at Red Hill are particularly interesting, since Red Hill hosts the highest-grade portion of the Pan deposit, and all of these new Red Hill intercepts are outside of the currently planned pit envelope. Our mine planning team is currently evaluating whether this new mineralization will allow us to deepen the planned Red Hill pit to bring in additional resources."

Fiore has approved an addi-

tional 5,030 metres (16,500 ft) of RC drilling, and 1,495 metres (4,900 ft) of diamond drilling at Pan in FY2018, as well as 4,265 metres (14,000 ft) of RC drilling at the nearby Gold Rock project. Drilling is ongoing at Pan, while drilling at Gold Rock is scheduled to start in July.

The Pan Mine is a Carlin-style, sediment-hosted, gold-only deposit, and is comprised of three main zones of mineralization which has currently been traced for over 1,800 m (6,000 feet) along the north-south Branham Fault. The North Zone is composed of a large body of silicified solution breccia along the western margin of the Branham fault. Mineralization

extends westward from the breccia body along the relatively flat-lying Pilot Shale-Devils Gate contact. South Pan is largely hosted in rocks that dip to the northeast between 55 and 65 degrees on the east side of the Branham Fault. Strongly clay altered and mineralized solution breccias are found along the Branham fault and trending southeast away from the Branham Fault along the Pilot Shale-Devils Gate Limestone contact. Central Pan consist of several smaller pods of mineralization largely along the Pilot Shale-Devils Gate contact along a series of northeast-southwest and north-south secondary faults.



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