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Viva Gold Announces Final Assays from Drill Program at Tonopah Project Including 29 Meters at 1.3 grams/ton Gold

VANCOUVER, BC – August 1, 2018 – Viva Gold Corp. (TSX-Venture: **VAU**; OTCBB: **VAUCF**) (the “Company” or “Viva”) is pleased to announce final assay results from its recently completed 11 hole Reverse Circulation (“RC”) drill program at its Tonopah Gold Project, located near Tonopah, Nevada.

Drill Result Highlights

TG 1814: 29 meters averaging 1.32 g/t including 1.5 meters at 4.76 g/t and 4.5 meters averaging 4.05 g/t

TG 1813: 10.7 meters averaging 0.45 g/t

TG 1811: 6.1 meters averaging 0.49 g/t and 15.2 meters averaging 0.41 g/t

TG 1809: 10.7 meters averaging 2.57 grams per tonne (“g/t”) gold including 1.5 meters at 12.9 g/t

TG 1814 was an infill hole drilled between the Dauntless and 63-77 zones. TG1813 was drilled as an infill hole between the Potluck and NERP zones in eastern end of the known mineralized trend. TG 1811 was drilled as an infill hole in a poorly drilled area in the north end of the Potluck zone. TG 1809 was drilled at the north end of the Dauntless zone as an infill hole between the Dauntless and Discovery zones. Hole locations are shown in Figure 1 below.

“We are extremely pleased with the overall results from this 11-hole program. The program confirmed the overall high-grade nature of the Tonopah gold system and the continuity of open zones of contact related mineralization located between the identified structurally controlled zones in the trend. The system remains open for extension in all dimensions including to depth, along trend and laterally. This program has added to mineralization through strong intercepts over good lengths in both step-out and infill drill holes with a number of the holes terminating in good grade. The results exceeded expectations”, states James Hesketh, President & CEO.

As announced on April 26th, 2018, Viva Gold plans to drill 28 holes in its currently approved program, with the remaining 17 holes in the program to be drilled later this year. This new drilling will focus primarily on proving extensions to known high-angle structures and to conduct additional in-fill and step-out drilling on low-angle contact related mineralization between structures.

Tonopah Project
Drill Results for 2018 RC Drill Program

Hole	Depth		Length	Uncapped	Capped*
	From	To		Gold Grade	Gold Grade
	<i>Meter</i>	<i>Meter</i>	<i>Meter</i>	<i>Gram/Tonne</i>	<i>Gram/Tonne</i>
TG 1814	32	61	29	1.32	1.32
including	47.2	48.8	1.5	4.76	4.76
Including	53.3	57.9	4.6	4.05	4.05
TG 1813	129.5	140.2	10.7	0.45	0.45
TG 1811	77.7	83.8	6.1	0.49	0.49
and	103.6	118.9	15.2	0.41	0.41
TG 1809	51.8	56.4	4.6	0.28	0.28
and	68.6	76.2	7.6	0.87	0.87
and	86.9	97.5	10.7	2.57	2.57
Including	89.9	91.4	1.5	12.90	12.90
Drillholes previously announced on July 23, 2018					
TG 1815	68.6	82.3	13.7	1.64	1.64
<i>including</i>	77.7	79.2	1.52	8.79	8.79
TG 1812	89.9	100.6	10.7	3.07	3.07
<i>including</i>	89.9	91.4	1.5	19.2	19.20
and	112.8	120.4	7.6	0.37	0.37
TG 1810	91.4	106.7	15.3	1.21	1.21
<i>including</i>	96	97.5	1.5	5.68	5.68
and	121.9	125	3.1	0.35	0.35
and	129.5	132.6	3.1	0.57	0.57

Drillholes previously announced on July 9, 2018

TG 1808		54.9	57.9	3.0	0.5	0.5
and		64.0	73.2	9.1	25.4	5.8
	<i>including</i>	65.5	67.1	1.5	138.0	20.0
	<i>including</i>	70.1	71.6	1.5	8.9	8.9
and		83.8	89.9	6.1	0.4	0.4
and		97.5	102.1	4.6	5.5	5.5
	<i>Including</i>	99.1	100.6	1.5	14.9	14.9
and		108.2	120.4	12.2	1.2	1.2
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and	TD	123.4	125.0	1.5	0.6	0.6
All zones		54.9	125.0	70.1	3.9	1.4
TG 1807		10.7	19.8	9.1	0.3	0.3
and		35.1	74.7	39.6	2.0	2.0
	<i>Including</i>	59.4	68.6	9.1	4.5	4.5
and		80.8	83.8	3.0	0.4	0.4
and	TD	93.0	94.5	1.5	0.4	0.4
All zones		10.7	94.5	83.8	1.0	1.0
TG 1806		21.3	29.0	7.6	0.3	0.3
and	TD	71.6	74.7	3.0	0.7	0.7
TG 1805		38.1	39.6	1.5	0.5	0.5

* Capped at 20 grams/tonne
0.25 gram/tonne used throughout

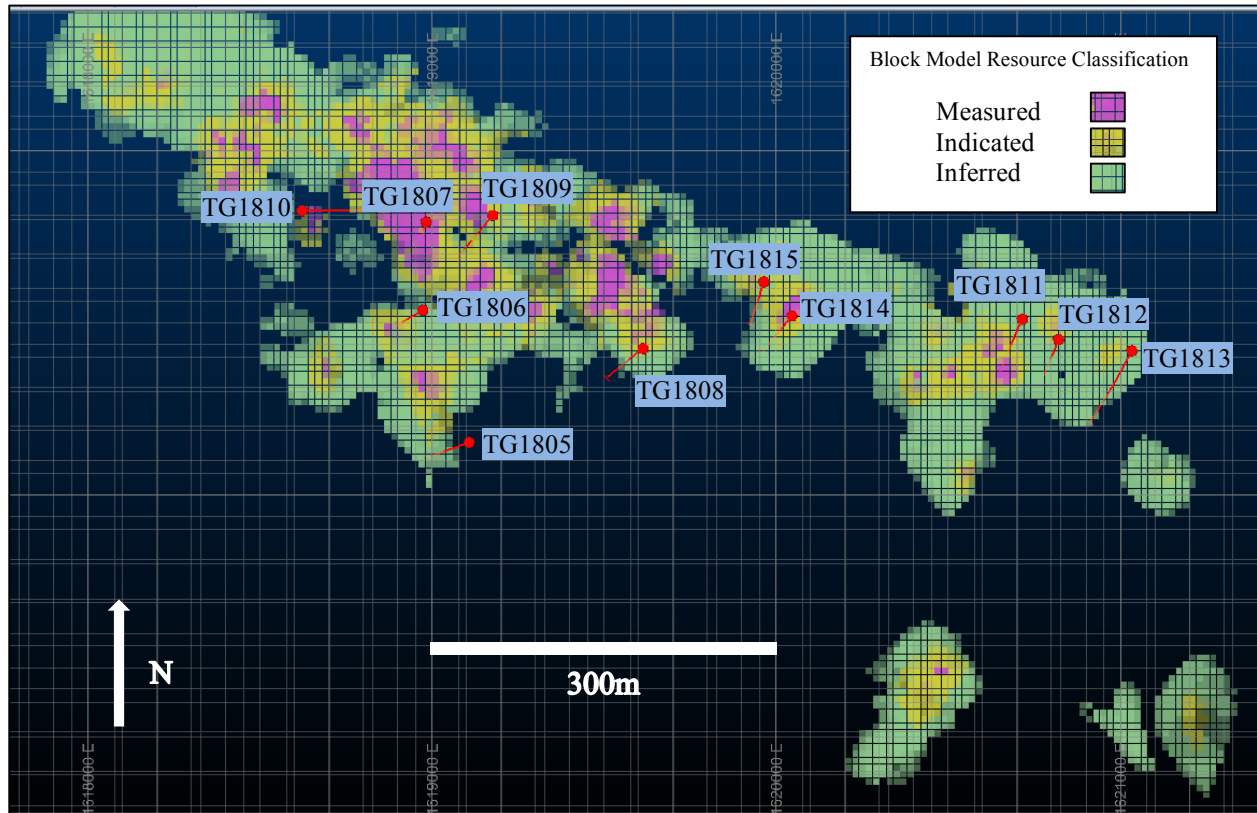


Figure 1: Plan View showing drillhole locations relative to Resource Block Model

The Tonopah property contains a near-surface low-sulfidation epithermal gold system which includes near vertical quartz-adularia-gold veins hosted by the Palmetto Formation argillite and the overlying Tertiary rhyolitic volcanics within a low-angle zone of mineralization which includes and often parallels an erosion surface discontinuity at the top of the Palmetto. Mineralization has been identified in a series of north-striking extensional structural zones within an overall mineralized trend along the north-northwest Walker Lane trend, covering an area over 2,000 meters long and 300 meters wide. The interaction between high angle and low angle mineralization geometries is difficult to decode for individual drillholes. However, the holes drilled in this program were targeted to crosscut the low-angle mineralized zones while remaining as perpendicular as possible to high-angle extensional zones. Downhole lengths are believed to be representative of true thickness for the low-angle zones.

All technical information which is included in this statement has been reviewed and approved by Thomas C. Matthews of Gustavson Associates LLC. Mr. Matthews is independent of the Company and a qualified person, pursuant to the meaning of such terms in National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*. The basis for the 0.25 g/t cutoff grade utilized for this release are based on technical analysis documented in the March 27, 2018 NI43-101 Technical Report on Mineral Resources, Tonopah Project, Nye County, Nevada.

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