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Viva Gold Increases Gold Resource and Extends Mineralization at its Tonopah Gold Project in Nevada

VANCOUVER, BC – January 25, 2022 – Viva Gold Corp. (TSX-Venture: **VAU**; OTCQB: **VAUCF**) (the “Company” or “Viva”) is pleased to provide an updated NI43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate for the Tonopah gold project (“Tonopah”), located near Tonopah, Nevada, on the prolific Walker Lane gold trend. The new resource estimate is based on the addition of 19 new drillholes completed in 2020 and 2021, updated geologic modelling and statistical analysis.

“We are very pleased with these results. Total pit constrained measured and indicated gold resource increased 21% over prior estimates to 394,000 ounces with an additional inferred resource of 206,000 ounces, a 14% increase. Our 2020 and 2021 drill programs added 68,000 ounces of measured and indicated and 25,000 ounces of inferred resource at a cost of US\$12.25/ounce. This demonstrates our ability to add ounces of new gold resource at Tonopah at a very low cost. More importantly, this recent drilling increased our understanding of the geometry of the currently defined Tonopah gold deposit and indicates that the mineralization remains strongly open, at relatively shallow depths, in at least two directions. Our near-term future focus will be to drill test these newly identified areas for further resource expansion,” states James Hesketh, President & CEO.

The updated pit-constrained mineral resource estimate for the Tonopah Project follows:

	Tonnes (x1,000)	Gold Grade Grams/Tonne	Contained Ounces
Measured	4,764	0.830	127,000
Indicated	11,440	0.727	267,000
Measured and Indicated	16,204	0.782	394,000
Inferred	7,352	0.872	206,000

Donald E. Hulse, P.E., SME-RM, Senior Mining Consultant for WSP USA of Lakewood, Colorado, is the independent Qualified Person responsible for the preparation of the resource estimate. Resources are not reserves, and do not include modifying factors which need to be considered to determine whether they are economically viable.

Mineral resources are tabulated at a cutoff grade of 0.15 g/t gold for argillite and 0.20 g/t for volcanic hosted mineralization, which constitutes a reasonable prospect for eventual economic extraction based on a comparison with similar gold deposits in Nevada, and constrained within a US\$1,650 gold price pit shell using a 45-degree average pit slope in all rock types and a 35-degree pit slope for gravels overburden. The new model uses three modelled domains; lower Palmetto argillite zone (OP), a weathered argillite zone of 10 meters thickness at the argillite/volcanic contact (OP-W), and a lower tertiary volcanic (TVL) zone. Estimates were interpolated using ordinary kriging and a 20 g/t grade cap.

Following is a sensitivity table showing the impact of changing cutoff grade on resource by category:

Classification	Cutoff Grade	Tonnes	Gold Grade	Contained
	Grams/Tonne	(x 1,000)	Grams/Tonne	Ounces
Measured	1.00	951	2.214	67,700
	0.70	1,608	1.645	85,000
	0.40	3,194	1.082	111,000
	0.20	4,764	0.83	127,000
	0.15	4,895	0.813	128,000
Indicated	1.00	2,157	1.521	105,000
	0.70	4,339	1.171	163,000
	0.40	8,773	0.853	241,000
	0.20	11,397	0.729	267,000
	0.15	11,655	0.717	269,000
Inferred	1.00	2,483	1.461	117,000
	0.70	3,929	1.235	156,000
	0.40	6,034	0.995	193,000
	0.20	7,322	0.875	206,000
	0.15	7,479	0.86	207,000

With additional drilling in 2020, it became apparent that the mineral continuity at Tonopah is controlled by multiple factors, which are different in the TVL than in the underlying OP. The OP exhibits local north-north-west continuity, along a regional east-south-east trend, while mineralization in the lower volcanics exhibit the dominant east-south-east trend with limited expression on the north-north-west trend. Previously, all mineralization had been modelled along the north-north-west trend. Based on drill results, it can also be observed that the primary mineralized trend follows the OP/TVL contact in a zone ranging between 30- and 60-meters width. A zone of +/- 10 meters around the OP/TVL contact was treated as a separate domain in the model. These modifications to the mineral trends and the addition of lithologic domains developed clean variography and resulted in a well-supported resource model.

Step-out holes were drilled in 2021 to test these observations and were highly successful in intercepting high-grade mineralization. These holes contributed to an increase in inferred mineralization and helped to extend the pit shell to the east-south-east along the principal (110 azimuth) trend of the deposit. The pit also extended to the west along trend based on new drill intercepts from the 2020 drill program. The new model also developed a small pit in the Midway Hills area of the project, located approximately 1.0 kilometers west from the main pit on trend, indicating that the revised geologic model is doing a better job of correlating and connecting existing assay intercepts in that area. In addition, the new model also

indicates the possibility of two additional parallel trends to the south of this main zone. The previously modelled south zone currently develops three small interconnected pit bottoms along the east-south-east trend and the third most southerly zone is potentially identified by three drillholes.

We anticipate that the 12 June 2020 NI43-101 Technical Report Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Tonopah Project will be incorporated by reference in a new NI43-101 detailing this updated resource estimate.

James Hesketh, MMSA-QP, has approved the scientific and technical disclosure contained in this press release. Mr. Hesketh is not independent of the Company; he is an Officer and Director.

About Viva Gold Corp:

Viva Gold Corp holds 100% of the Tonopah Gold Project, a large land position consisting of approximately 10,500 acres on the prolific Walker Lane Trend in western Nevada, 30 kilometers south-east of the World class Round Mountain mine. The project has a measured and indicated contained mineral gold resource of 394,000 ounces at a gold grade of 0.78 grams/tonne and 206,000 ounces of Inferred resource at 0.87 grams/tonne. Viva is advancing the project towards feasibility and permitting.

Viva is committed to Environmental, Social and Responsible Governance (“ESG”) of its business. We realize these issues are also important to investors. We strive to operate in a manner that supports environmental and social initiatives and responsible corporate governance. Viva made significant progress in 2021 in working with its regulators to advance the environmental and social baseline study efforts required to support future Mining Plan of Operations review under the National Environmental Policy Act for the Project, and other Nevada State environmental permitting requirements. These efforts demonstrate our focus and commitment to de-risk and add value as detailed in our December 7, 2021 press release.

Viva Gold trades on the TSX Venture exchange “VAU”, on the OTCQB “VAUCF” and on the Frankfurt exchange “7PB”. Viva has a tight capital structure with 55.6 million shares outstanding and a strong management team and board with both gold exploration and production experience. Viva is building market awareness as the Company advances the high-grade Tonopah Gold Project. For additional information on Viva Gold and the Tonopah Gold Project, please visit our website: www.vivagoldcorp.com.

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