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Viva Gold Files NI 43-101 Technical Report, Increasing Gold Resource at the Tonopah Gold Project in Nevada

VANCOUVER, BC – February 28, 2022 – Viva Gold Corp. (TSX-Venture: **VAU**; OTCQB: **VAUCF**) (the “Company” or “Viva”) is pleased to announce it has filed a report titled “NI43-101 Technical Report on Mineral Resources, Tonopah Project” with an effective date of January 1, 2022 on SEDAR for Tonopah gold project (“Tonopah”). The report was completed by Gustavson Associates, a subsidiary of WSP, of Lakewood Colorado. The results of the Technical Report, previously announced on January 25, 2022, increased the measured and indicated resource by 21% and provides strong justification for ongoing work at Tonopah, located on the world class mining friendly Walker Lane gold trend of western Nevada.

“This report documents yet another significant increase in mineral resources in all categories at Tonopah, which demonstrates our ability to add ounces of new gold resource at Tonopah at a very low cost. More importantly, our growing understanding of geology and structure at Tonopah is helping us to clearly identify and target open extensions for resource addition. Our near-term focus will be to drill test open extensions to the deposit to further increase gold resource, while also continuing to de-risk the project through technical and environmental baseline studies,” states James Hesketh, President & CEO.

The updated pit-constrained mineral resource estimate announced on January 25, 2022 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.

Gustavson estimates that the recommended work plan, including completion of ongoing drilling, metallurgical, environmental baseline study and Pre-Feasibility Study will cost an estimated US\$2.4 million.

- A proposed drilling program is recommended to be performed in two programs each of approximately 2,500 meters of reverse circulation drilling. The focus of the exploration will be the eastern and western extension of the main zone, the southern extent of the Dauntless zone and the western extent of the south pit trend.
- Metallurgical test work should be completed with the objective of providing information for cost and recovery assumptions to be incorporated into future studies, as well as to refine process design criteria.
- A part of the specific work plan includes long-lead baseline work for environmental monitoring, and biological studies, in support of the development efforts.
- Complete a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) with the intention to clarify the economic potential of the project and to potentially declare Mineral Reserves, while also developing a plan of operations for use in permitting efforts.

Recommended Project Budget

Category	Estimated Cost	Notes
Exploration	\$1,600,000	
RC Drilling - Phase 1	\$800,000	12 - 14 holes, 2,500 meters drilling, work plan submitted, drilling contract in place
RC Drilling - Phase 2	\$800,000	2,500 meters drilling
Metallurgical	\$115,000	
Environmental	\$255,500	
Engineering/Studies	\$400,000	Pre-feasibility study & Plan of Operations
Total	\$2,370,500	

The technical report incorporates by reference the 12 June 2020 NI43-101 Technical Report Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Tonopah Project. Please note that a Preliminary Economic Assessment is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic consideration applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and that there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized.

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 located on the world class Walker Lane Trend in western Nevada, 30

minutes' drive south-east of the Kinross Round Mountain mine and 20 minutes' drive from the Town of Tonopah. 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 and strives 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 to the Tonopah project 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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uncertainties about the Company's business are more fully discussed in the Company's disclosure materials filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada available at www.sedar.com. Readers are urged to read these materials. Viva assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking information or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from such information unless required by law.

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