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# SolGold plc

("SolGold" or the "Company")

# **Cascabel Exploration Update**

# Alpala Deposit Still Growing Alpala Northwest Hole 37 Indicates Major System Extensions Northwest and North to Trivinio

The Board of SolGold (LSE and TSX code: SOLG) is pleased to provide an update on the drill program at the Alpala Porphyry Copper-Gold Deposit, at the Company's Cascabel project in Northern Ecuador.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Assay results from recent drill holes expected to add significantly to the existing December 2017 Alpala Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE), include:
  - Hole 26-D3: 1100m @ 0.54% CuEq, incl. 164m @ 0.76% CuEq, and 224m @ 0.75% CuEq;
  - Hole 29-D1: 178m @ 0.62% CuEq, incl. 48m @ 0.82% CuEq;
  - Hole 33: 824m @ 0.80% CuEq, incl. 576m @ 0.93% CuEq, and 262m @ 1.15% CuEq;
  - Hole 33-D1: 604m @ 0.73%CuEq, incl. 146m @ 1.71% CuEq, and 106m @ 2.13% CuEq;
  - Hole 35: 320m @ 0.60% CuEq, incl. 160m @ 0.76%CuEq.
- ➤ Hole 36 partial assays indicate very high grades at Alpala Northwest, returning an open ended 82m @ 1.57% CuEq (1494-1576m). Assays beyond 1576m are pending.
- Drilling intersections, awaiting assay results, expected to add significantly to the existing December 2017 Alpala Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE), include:
  - Hole 36: Approximately 568m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation (1432-2000m);
  - Hole 37: Approximately 222m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation, open at depth as drilling continues (1620-1842m). This hole is particularly important, implying major system extensions northwest towards the Trivinio prospect;
  - Hole 39: Approximately 205m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation (665-870m);
  - Hole 42: Approximately 602m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation, including bornite, open at depth as drilling continues (309-911m);
  - Hole 43: Approximately 205m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation, including bornite, open at depth as drilling continues (665-870m).
- ➤ Hole 37 (in progress) at Alpala Northwest intersects primary Bornite-Chalcopyrite-Magnetite assemblage, characteristic of the rich centre of many porphyry copper-gold systems.



- > Drilling costs more than halved from USD1,100 per metre to USD500 per metre.
- > Track mounted rigs exceeding expectations allowing rig release and man-portable deployments to satellite targets.
- Significant budget savings planned.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The Cascabel Project is located on the northern section of the prolific Andean Copper belt, renowned as the base for nearly half of the world's copper production. The project area hosts mineralisation of Eocene age, the same age as numerous Tier 1 deposits along the Andean Copper Belt in Chile and Peru to the south. The project base is located at Rocafuerte, in northern Ecuador, approximately three hour drive north of Quito, close to water, power supply and Pacific ports (*Figure 1*). Having fulfilled its earning requirements, SolGold is a registered shareholder with an unencumbered legal and beneficial 85% interest in ENSA (Exploraciones Novomining S.A.) which holds 100% of the Cascabel tenement.

SolGold has drill tested 5 of 15 copper-gold targets delineated in the 50km<sup>2</sup> tenement with a focus, to date, on Alpala (*Figure 2*). Over 78,500m of drilling has been completed on the project. Currently, 12 drill holes are underway at Alpala (*Figure 3*).

Assay results from the initial 53,616m of drilling were incorporated into the maiden Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) completed in December 2017 and announced on 3 January 2018. All historical and current assay results have been provided to the Company by ALS Laboratories in Lima, Peru.

The Alpala drill program for 2018 comprises over 120,000m and will focus on expanding known resources at Alpala, with emphasis along west, northwest and southeast extensions as illustrated in *Figure 4*.

# **Improved Rig Performances and Budget Savings Planned**

Greatly improved rig performance and core delivery especially by track mounted rigs at Alpala which are delivering up to 100m of core per day. This, with careful drill hole spacing and the use of Devi-drill<sup>TM</sup> and Navi-drill<sup>TM</sup> directional drilling tools, keeping the "core in the ore" is likely to deliver significant budget savings and the permanent deployment of man portable rigs (*Figure 5*).

#### **Imminent Resource Additions**

Assay results from several recent drill holes are expected to add significantly to the existing December 2017 Alpala MRE. Mineralisation to date has been intersected from surface (1650RL) down to -100m RL in Hole 26-D3.

Recent drilling will result in resource additions in numerous locations around the resource block model, where intersections are occurring outside of resource blocks. This is exemplified for example at 650mRL, approximately 1100m depth below surface, where significant resource additions are being realised, highlighting the ongoing potential for expansion of current resources through further drilling.

**Figure 6** shows an example at 650mRL where recent drilling has resulted in resource additions. This highlights the ongoing potential for expansion of current resources through further drilling.



The Company will update the MRE when sufficient information from drilling can be incorporated to affect a material change. This is expected in the next two months.

## **Major Northwest and Trivinio Extension**

Hole 37 at Alpala Northwest has intersected primary a Bornite-Chalcopyrite-Magnetite assemblage, which is characteristic of the high-grade centres of many porphyry copper-gold systems. An example of bornite rich mineralisation at 1666.5m down hole depth in Hole 37 is shown in **Figure 7**.

Further drilling in the highly prospective Alpala Northwest area is underway, and is considered a highpriority for the coming year as drilling progresses further northwest towards the Trivinio and Moran target areas.

# **Trivinio Recent Geophysical Interpretation**

The Company has recently completed geophysical interpretation across the Cascabel project area, integrating 3D models of Magneto Telluric Conductivity, Resistivity, Chargeability and Magnetics. This work has demonstrated that mineralisation from Alpala North and Northwest may be continuous with the Trivinio and Moran Targets, which would extend the Alpala System northwards by approximately 1km.

Intersections in Holes 26, 26-D3, and 37 to date are interpreted to endorse this interpretation, as shown in long-section view in *Figure 9*.

SolGold is planning to test Trivinio with two holes utilising Rigs 7 and 8 following the completion of Holes 34 and 37 at Alpala.

In addition, the study has demonstrated the strong disseminated sulphide mineralisation evident in chargeability models across the Cascabel concession. This, along with the multiplicity of targets and the growing resource in the Alpala sector, endorses the ongoing drilling focus there.

#### NI 43-101 Technical Report

Further to its news releases dated 3 January 2018 and 9 February 2018, the Company also announces today the filing of a technical report (the "Technical Report") titled "Technical Report on the Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate on the Alpala Deposit, Ecuador" dated 16 February 2018 (effective 18 December 2017) that contains the maiden resource estimate for the Company's Alpala Project at Cascabel.

The Technical Report was completed by SRK Exploration Services Ltd. ("SRK") based in Cardiff, Wales, which SolGold had engaged to prepare an independent resource statement on the Alpala deposit. SRK was engaged to prepare the Technical Report in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. The Technical Report is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.solgold.com.au">www.solgold.com.au</a> and on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> under the Company's profile.



The Company also wishes to correct a typographical error contained in its February 9, 2018 news release. The mineral resource summary contained therein should read as follows:

"The Alpala maiden mineral resource estimate totals a current:

- 430 Mt @ 0.8% CuEq (at 0.3% CuEq cut off) in the Indicated category, and 650 Mt @ 0.6% CuEq (at 0.3% CuEq cut off) in the Inferred category;
- contained metal content of 2.3 Mt Cu in the Indicated category and 2.9 Mt Cu in the Inferred category; and
- contained metal content of 6.0 Moz Au in the Indicated category and 6.3 Moz Au in the Inferred category."

# Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

Certain information contained in this announcement would have been deemed inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 until the release of this announcement.

#### **Qualified Person:**

Information in this report relating to the exploration results is based on data reviewed by Mr Jason Ward ((CP) B.Sc. Geol.), the Chief Geologist of the Company. Mr Ward is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, holds the designation MAusIMM (CP), and has in excess of 20 years' experience in mineral exploration and is a Qualified Person for the purposes of the relevant LSE and TSX Rules. Mr Ward consents to the inclusion of the information in the form and context in which it appears.

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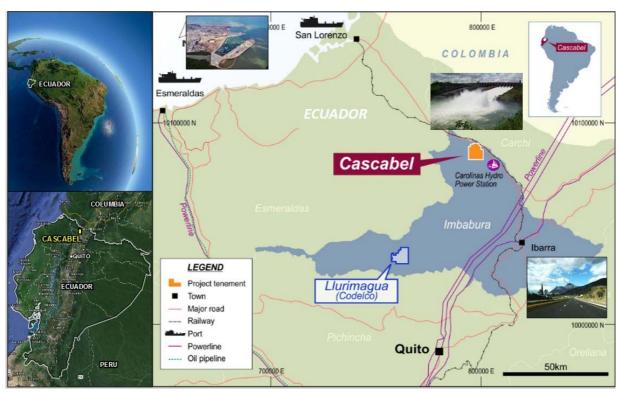
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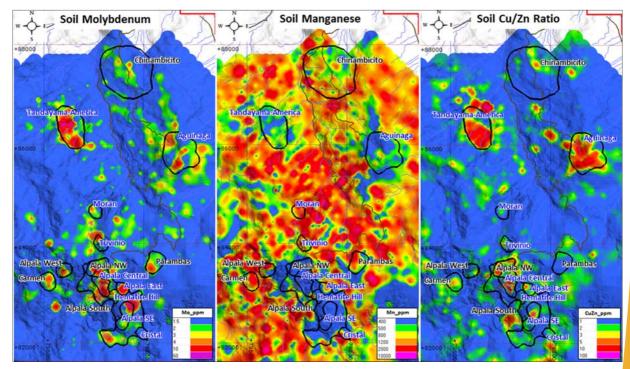
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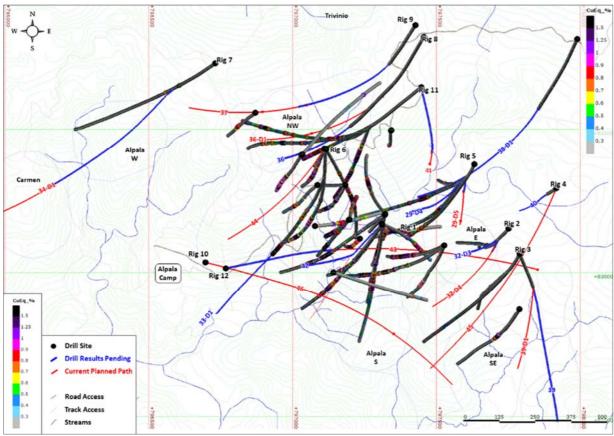


**Figure 1**: Location of Cascabel project in northern Ecuador, highlighting the significant capital advantages held by the project, with proximity to ports, road infrastructure, hydro-electric power stations and the trans-continental power grid.



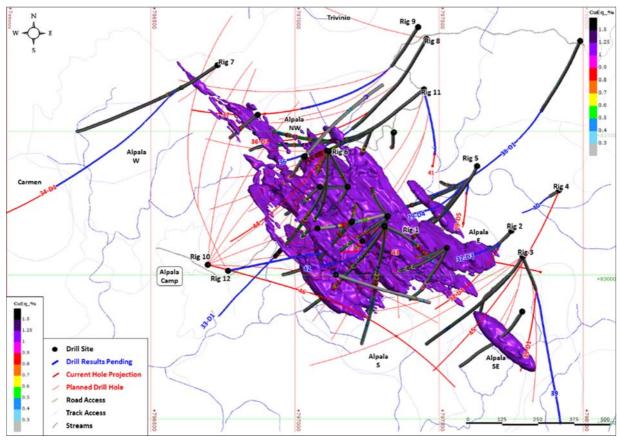
**Figure 2**: Location of 15 porphyry targets within the Cascabel concession, shown over soil molybdenum, manganese and Cu/Zn ratio anomalies. To date, five of these targets have been drill tested at Alpala Central, Alpala NW, Alpala SE, Alpala East and Alpala West.





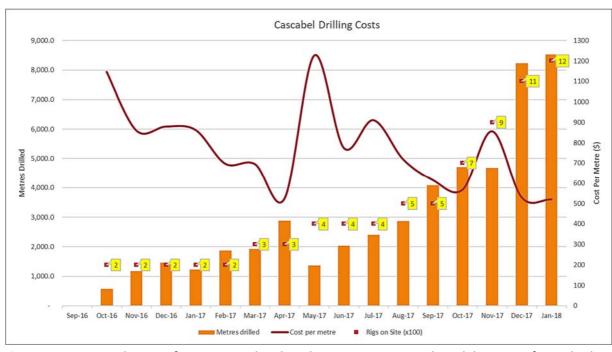
**Figure 3:** Drill Hole Plan along the greater Alpala area, showing copper equivalent assay results, intervals awaiting assay results shown in **blue** and current hole path projections shown in **red**.





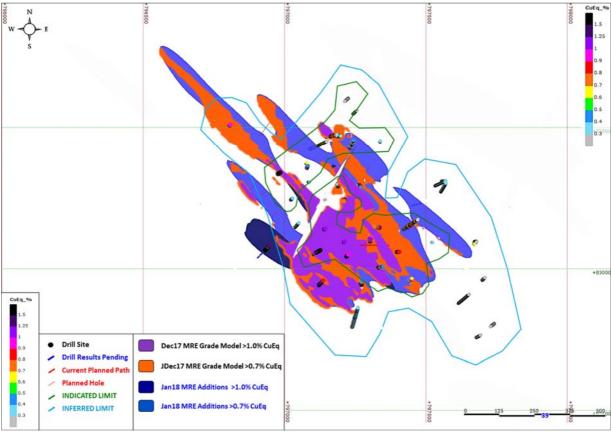
**Figure 4:** Drill Hole Plan along the greater Alpala area, showing the December 2017 Maiden Mineral Resource model at >1.0% CuEq. Drill Hole Plan along the greater Alpala area, showing copper equivalent assay results, intervals awaiting assay results shown in **blue**, current hole path projections shown in thick **red** and upcoming planned hole paths shown in thin **red**.





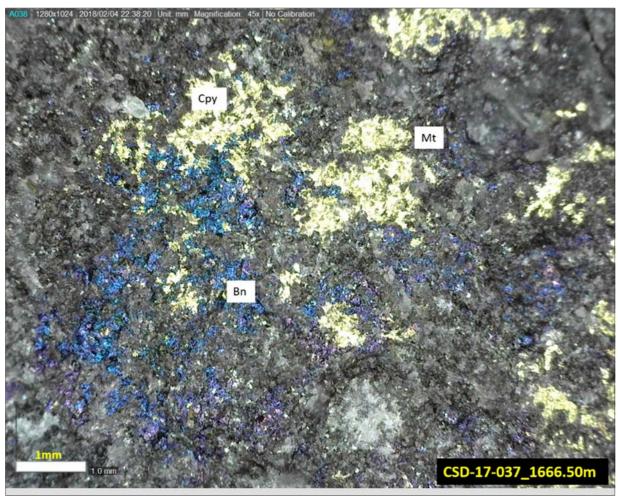
**Figure 5:** Improved rig performance and reduced costs are targetted to deliver significant budget savings at Cascabel.





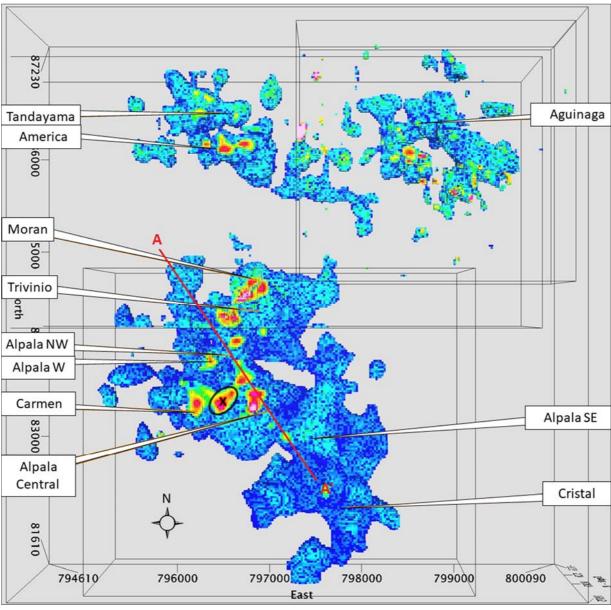
**Figure 6:** Level Plan at 650mRL, approximately 1000m below surface, showing an example of where recent drilling has resulted in resource additions, highlighting the ongoing potential for expansion of current resources through further drilling. Predicted resource additions to the Dec17 MRE Grade Model at >0.7%CuEq at 650mRL are shown in **light blue**, and predicted resource additions to the Dec17 MRE Grade Model at >1.0%CuEq at 650mRL are shown in **dark blue**.





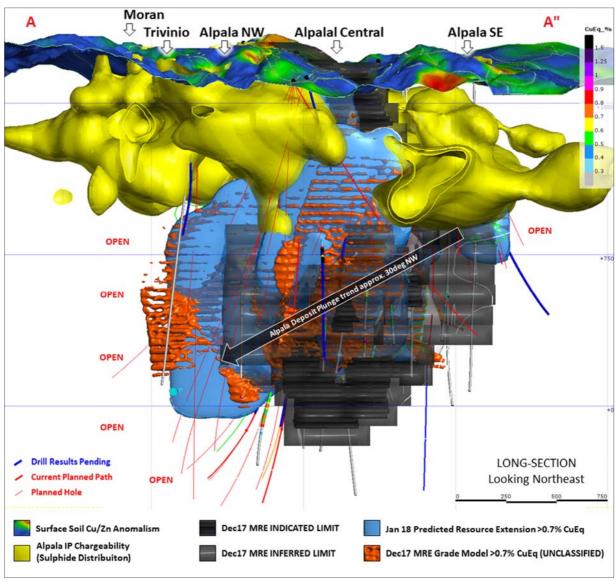
**Figure 7:** Photograph at 45x magnification from 1666.5m depth in Hole 37, showing bornite-chalcopyrite-magnetite assemblage, which is characteristic of the high-grade centre of many porphyry copper-gold systems.





**Figure 8:** Plan showing IP chargeability survey areas and combined, normalised 3D IP chargeability across the Cascabel tenement, delineating sulphide distribution and abundance between surface and 1000m depth at Alpala, and 1200m depth at Aguinaga, Tandayama and Trivinio, and showing long-section slice line A-A' (refer *Figure 9*).





**Figure 9:** Long-section view of the Alpala Deposit, showing normalised IP Chargeability halo (in **yellow**), highlighting the continuous distribution of sulphide abundance from Alpala to Trivinio and Moran, supported by predicted additions to resource at >0.7% from recent drilling (shown in **light blue**), against unclassified Dec17 MRE Resource >0.7% (shown in **orange**).



#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

SolGold is a Brisbane, Australia based, dual LSE and TSX-listed (SOLG on both exchanges) copper gold exploration and future development company with assets in Ecuador, Solomon Islands and Australia. SolGold's primary objective is to discover and define world-class copper-gold deposits. The Board and Management Team have substantial vested interests in the success of the Company as shareholders as well as strong track records in the areas of exploration, mine appraisal and development, investment, finance and law. SolGold's experience is augmented by state of the art geophysical and modelling techniques and the guidance of porphyry copper and gold expert Dr Steve Garwin.

In October 2017, at the Mines and Money Americas Conference in Toronto, SolGold's Nicholas Mather won the award for the CEO of the Year – Exploration, Latin America. SolGold won the Exploration Award for Latin America, and Ecuador won the Country Award for Latin America. Each party then duly won the 2017 award for each respective category on a global basis at London Mines and Money on 30 November 2017.

The Company announced USD54m in capital raisings in September 2016 involving Maxit Capital LP, Newcrest International Ltd and DGR Global Ltd, and a USD41.2m raising in June of 2017 largely from Newcrest International with USD1.2m raised from Ecuadorean investors. All of these raisings were undertaken at substantial premiums to previous raisings. In November 2017 SolGold raised a further £45m at 25p per share, placed with institutions and Newcrest pursuant to their anti-dilution rights. SolGold currently has circa USD110m in available cash to continue the exploration and appraisal of its flagship Cascabel Project, and with which to conduct regional exploration programs on its 77 other 100%-owned projects in its wholly owned subsidiary companies.

Mr Craig Jones joined the SolGold Board on 3 March 2017, nominated to the Board of SolGold by Newcrest Mining, now a 14.54% shareholder in SolGold. Mr Jones is a Mechanical Engineer and is currently the Executive General Manager Wafi-Golpu (Newcrest-Harmony Joint Venture). He has held various senior management and executive roles within the Newcrest Group, including General Manager Projects, General Manager Cadia Valley Operations, Executive General Manager Projects and Asset Management, Executive General Manager Australian and Indonesian Operations, Executive General Manager Australian Operations and Projects, and Executive General Manager Cadia and Morobe Mining Joint Venture. Prior to joining Newcrest, Mr Jones worked for Rio Tinto.

Cascabel, SolGold's 85% owned "World Class" (Refer www.solgold.com.au/cautionary-notice/) flagship copper-gold porphyry project, is located in northern Ecuador on the under-explored northern section of the richly endowed Andean Copper Belt. Having fulfilled its earning requirements, SolGold is a registered shareholder with an unencumbered legal and beneficial 85% interest in ENSA (Exploraciones Novomining S.A.) and approximately 5% of TSX-V-listed Cornerstone Capital Resources ("Cornerstone"), which holds the remaining 15% of ENSA, the Ecuadorian registered company which holds 100% of the Cascabel concession. Subject to the terms of existing agreements, Cornerstone is debt financed by SolGold for its share of costs to completion of a Feasibility Study.

In terms of repayment, SolGold shall receive 90% of Cornerstone's share of earnings or dividends from ENSA or the Tenement to which Cornerstone would otherwise be entitled until such time as the amounts so received equal the aggregate amount of expenditures incurred by SolGold that would have otherwise been payable by Cornerstone, plus interest thereon from the dates such expenditures were incurred at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 2 per cent until such time as SolGold is fully reimbursed.



The investments by Newcrest for 14.54% of SolGold endorses Ecuador as an exploration and mining destination, the management team at SolGold, the dimension, size and scale of the growing Alpala deposit, and the prospectivity of Cascabel and its multiple targets. The gold endowment, location, infrastructure, and logistics are important competitive advantages offered by the project. Cascabel is characterised by fifteen (15) identified targets, "World Class" drilling intersections over 1km in length at potentially economic grades, and high copper and gold grades in richer sections, as well as logistic advantages in location, elevation, water supply, proximity to roads, port and power services; and a progressive legislative approach to resource development in Ecuador.

To date SolGold has completed geological mapping, soil sampling, rock saw channel sampling, geochemical and spectral alteration mapping over 25km², along with an additional 9km² of Induced Polarisation and 14km² Magnetotelluric "Orion" surveys over the Alpala cluster and other targets at Aguinaga, Parambas, Tandayama-America, Moran and Chinambicito.

SolGold has completed over 78,500m of drilling and expended over USD82M in Ecuador, which includes Cascabel exploration, regional exploration, corporate costs and investments into Cornerstone. This has been accomplished with a workforce of up to 260 Ecuadorean workers and geoscientists, and 6 expatriate Australian geoscientists. The results of all holes drilled and assayed to date have produced some of the greatest drill hole intercepts in porphyry copper-gold exploration history, as indicated by Hole 12 (CSD-16-012) returning 1560m grading 0.59% copper and 0.54 g/t gold including, 1044m grading 0.74% copper and 0.54 g/t gold. Intensive diamond drilling is planned for the next 12 months with up to 12 drill rigs operational.

SolGold has drill tested 5 of 15 copper-gold targets delineated in the 50km<sup>2</sup> tenement with a focus on Alpala.

Further drill testing at Alpala will focus on:

- Extending and infilling the Alpala Central area with Rigs, 1, 6 and 5.
- Expanding the system at Alpala Northwest and Trivinio with Rigs 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- Testing extensions of the system at Alpala Southeast with Rigs 2, 3, and 4.
- Testing geochemical and magnetic targets at Alpala West and Carmen with Rig 7.

There are currently 12 drilling rigs active at Alpala.

The Alpala deposit is open in multiple directions and the mineralised corridor marked for drill testing of the greater Alpala cluster occurs over a 2.2km strike length from Trivinio in the northwest to Cristal in the southeast. The mineralised corridor is known to be prospective over up to 800m width.

The remainder of the targets are scheduled for testing during 2018, subject to ongoing technical assessment, and completion of ground magnetic modelling and Spartan Orion deep IP surveys.

The Company and its external consultants prepared an initial mineral resource estimate at the Cascabel Project in December 2017. Results are summarised in **Table B** attached.

The Mineral Resource Estimate was completed from 53,616m of drilling, approximately 84% of 63,500m metres drilled as of mid-December 2017, the cut-off date for the maiden resource calculation. There remains strong potential for further growth from more recent drilling results, and continued rapid growth of the deposit.



The Company is currently planning further metallurgical testing and completion of an independent Preliminary Economic Assessment and Pre-Feasibility Studies at Cascabel. SolGold is investigating both high tonnage open cut and underground block caving operations, as well as a high grade / low tonnage initial underground development towards the economic development of the copper gold deposit/s at Cascabel.

Drill hole intercepts have been updated to reflect current commodity prices, using a data aggregation method, defined by copper equivalent cut-off grades and reported with up to 10m internal dilution, excluding bridging to a single sample. Copper equivalent grades are calculated using a gold conversion factor of 0.63, determined using an updated copper price of USD3.00/pound and an updated gold price of USD1300/ounce. True widths of down hole intersections are estimated to be approximately 25-50%.

Following a comprehensive review of the geology and prospectivity of Ecuador, SolGold and its subsidiaries have several applications for additional exploration licences in Ecuador over a number of promising porphyry copper gold targets throughout the Country.

SolGold, through its 4 subsidiary companies, has 100% ownership of 77 granted concessions throughout Ecuador. Each subsidiary company has technical teams, led by experienced senior geologists, on the ground prospecting granted tenements and collecting baseline data, whilst regional geophysics surveys are being planned. Significant copper occurrences have been identified at numerous projects to date, including La Hueca, Machos, Rio Armarillo, Sharug, Porvenir and Timbara.

In Queensland, Australia the Company is evaluating the future exploration plans for the Mt Perry, Rannes and Normanby projects, with drill testing of the Normanby project planned for the coming quarter. Joint venture agreements are being investigated for a joint venture partner to commit funds and carry out exploration to earn an interest in the tenements.

SolGold retains interests in its original theatre of operations, Solomon Islands in the South West Pacific, where the 100% owned, but as yet undrilled, Kuma prospect on the island of Guadalcanal exhibits surface lithocap characteristics which are traditionally indicative of a large metal rich copper gold intrusive porphyry system.

SolGold intends in the future to apply intellectual property and experience developed in Ecuador to target additional "World Class" copper gold porphyries at Kuma and other targets in Ecuador and the Solomon Islands.

SolGold is based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The Company is listed on the LSE and TSX, with both exchanges using the ticker code: SOLG, and currently has on issue a total of 1,696,245,686 fully-paid ordinary shares, 31,795,884 share options exercisable at 28p; 9,795,884 share options exercisable at 14p and 46,762,000 share options exercisable at 60p.

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The Company recognises that the term "World Class" is subjective and for the purpose of the Company's projects the Company considers the drilling results at the growing Alpala Porphyry Copper Gold Deposit at its Cascabel Project to represent intersections of a "World Class" deposit. The Company considers that "World Class" deposits are rare, very large, long life, low cost, and are responsible for approximately half of total global metals production. "World Class" deposits are generally accepted as deposits of a size and quality that create multiple expansion opportunities, and have or are likely to demonstrate robust economics that ensure development irrespective of position within the global commodity cycles, or whether or not the deposit has been fully drilled out, or a feasibility study completed.

Standards drawn from industry experts (1) Singer and Menzie, 2010; (2) Schodde, 2006; (3) Schodde and Hronsky, 2006; (4) Singer, 1995; (5) Laznicka, 2010) have characterised "World Class" deposits at prevailing commodity prices. The relevant criteria for "World Class" deposits, adjusted to current long run commodity prices, are considered to be those holding or likely to hold more than 5 million tonnes of copper and/or more than 6 million ounces of gold with a modelled net present value of greater than USD 1 Billion.



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Any development or mining potential for the project remains speculative.

On the basis of the drilling results to date and the results of the Alpala Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate, the reference to the Cascabel Project as "World Class" (or "Tier 1") is considered to be appropriate. Examples of global copper and gold discoveries since 2006 that are generally considered to be "World Class" are summarised in **Table A**.

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Deposit Name	Discovery Year	Major Metals	Country	Current Status	Mining_Style	Inventory
LA COLOSA	2006	Au,Cu	Colombia	Feasibility - New project	Open Pit	<sup>1</sup> 469Mt @ 0.95g/t Au; 14.3MOz Au
LOS SULFATOS	2007	Cu,Mo	Chile	Advanced Exploration	Underground	<sup>2</sup> 1.2Bt @ 1.46% Cu and 0.02% Mo; 17.5Mt Cu
BRUCEJACK	2008	Au	Canada	Development/Construction	Open Pit	<sup>3</sup> 15.6Mt @ 16.1 g/t Au; 8.1Moz Au
KAMOA-KAKULA	2008	Cu,Co,Zn	Congo (DRC)	Feasibility - New project	Open Pit & U/ground	<sup>4</sup> 1.34Bt @ 2.72% Cu; 36.5 Mt Cu
GOLPU	2009	Cu,Au	PNG	Feasibility - New project	Underground	<sup>5</sup> 820Mt @ 1.0% Cu, 0.70g/t Au; 8.2Mt Cu, 18.5Moz Au
COTE	2010	Au,Cu	Canada	Feasibility Study	Open Pit	<sup>6</sup> 289Mt @ 0.90 g/t Au: 8.4MOz Au
HAIYU	2011	Au	China	Development/Construction	Underground	<sup>7</sup> 15Moz Au
RED HILL-GOLD RUSH	2011	Au	United States	Feasibility Study	Open Pit & U/ground	<sup>8</sup> 47.6Mt @ 4.56g/t Au; 7.0MOz Au
XILING	2016	Au	China	Advanced Exploration	Underground	<sup>9</sup> 383Mt @ 4.52g/t Au; 55.7MOz Au

Source: after MinEx Consulting, May 2017

Source: http://www.mining-technology.com/projects/la-colosa

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<sup>7</sup> <u>Source</u>: http://www.zhaojin.com.cn/upload/2015-05-31/580601981.pdf

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**Table A**: Tier 1 global copper and gold discoveries since 2006. This table does not purport to be exhaustive exclusive or definitive.



	Resource	Tonnage	Grade			Contained Metal		
	Category	(Mt)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	CuEq (%)	Cu (Mt)	Au (Moz)	CuEq (Mt)
>1.1% CuEq	Indicated	70	1.1	1.3	1.8	0.7	2.8	1.2
	Inferred	50	1.1	1.3	1.8	0.5	1.9	0.8
0.9 - 1.1% CuEq	Indicated	50	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.5
	Inferred	50	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.5
0.3 - 0.9% CuEq	Indicated	310	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.2	2.3	1.6
	Inferred	550	0.4	0.2	0.5	2.0	3.5	2.6
Total >0.3%	Indicated	430	0.5	0.4	0.8	2.3	6.0	3.4
CuEq	Inferred	650	0.4	0.3	0.6	2.9	6.3	4.0

Table B: Alpala Mineral Resource statement as of 18 December 2017

#### Notes:

- Mr. Martin Pittuck, MSc, CEng, MIMMM, is responsible for this Mineral Resource estimate and is an "independent qualified person" as such term is defined in NI 43-101.
- The Mineral Resource is reported using a cut-off grade of 0.3% copper equivalent calculated using [copper grade (%)] + [gold grade (g/t) x 0.6] based on a copper price of US\$2.8/lb and gold price of US\$1,160/oz.
- The Mineral Resource is considered to have reasonable potential for eventual economic extraction by underground mass mining such as block caving.
- Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- The statement uses the terminology, definitions and guidelines given in the CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (May 2014).
- The MRE is reported on 100 percent basis.
- Values given in the table have been rounded, apparent calculation errors resulting from this are not considered to be material.
- The effective date for the Mineral Resource statement is 18th December 2017.