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("SolGold" or the "Company")

High Grade Epithermal Gold Veins Discovered at the Blanca Nieves Project

The Board of SolGold (LSE and TSX code: SOLG) is pleased to provide an update on exploration at its 100% owned Blanca Nieves Project ("the Project"), in Northern Ecuador. The Project is held in SolGold's 100% owned subsidiary Carnegie Ridge Resources ("Carnegie").

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **High grade epithermal style gold mineralisation has been identified over an interpreted 10km long NW trending structural corridor linking both the Nieves and Blanca concessions.**
- **The Project is located immediately north of the Cascabel concession that hosts SolGold's flagship Cascabel copper-gold project.**
- **The Blanca Nieves epithermal gold veins are situated in a previously unrecognised corridor of gold mineralisation highlighting once again the under explored potential of the Ecuadorean section of the Andean copper-gold belt.**
- **Results from rock chip samples collected during stream reconnaissance at the Project include:**
  - **79.2 g/t Au, 0.98 % Cu, >100g/t Ag*, >1% Zn* Nieves**
  - **6.7 g/t Au, 0.15% Cu, 59 g/t Ag Nieves**
  - **2.99 g/t Au Nieves**
  - **2.23 g/t Au, >1% Zn* Nieves**
  - **18.75 g/t Au Cielito vein – Blanca**
  - **17.05 g/t Au Cielito vein – Blanca**
  - **4.93 g/t Au Cielito vein – Blanca**

* = Overlimit assays are pending

Introduction

SolGold continues to aggressively explore its extensive tenement portfolio in Ecuador with the goal of becoming a tier 1 copper producing company through organic growth. SolGold operates multiple regional field teams rapidly exploring and assessing its regional concessions in each of the 4 regional subsidiary companies. With this new discovery at Blanca Nieves, the Company's team of experienced geologists have now successfully located copper and/or gold occurrences in 7 regional projects indicative of large mineralised porphyry systems.

The Project is located in northern Ecuador on the prolific Andean Copper belt which is renowned as the production base for nearly half of the world's copper, (**Figure 1**). SolGold holds a 100% interest in these two concessions through its Ecuadorean subsidiary company, Carnegie Ridge Resources S.A.

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Large copper gold deposits of similar age elsewhere in the Andes include Escondida (47 Mt Cu), El Salvador (12 Mt Cu), Collahuasi (40 Mt Cu) and Alpala – Cascabel (SolGold).

Exploration Activities & Results

SolGold has had field teams on the ground conducting reconnaissance stream and rock chip sampling, mapping and prospecting at the Blanca and Nieves concessions since December 2017. The table below details the total number of samples collected at the Project to date.

Rock Chip Samples	**79**
Stream Sediment Samples	192
Panned Heavy Concentrate Samples	112

Table 1: Sample totals at Blanca Nieves

Results from the first batch of 41 rock chips has been returned identifying epithermal gold and copper mineralisation (**Table 2 & Figure 2**). Prospecting on the Blanca and Nieves concessions is still ongoing with detailed mapping and rock chip sampling being carried out to determine the extent of the epithermal system. Results from the stream sediment and panned heavy concentrate are also pending which will further delineate the extent of the mineralisation. All assay results are from ALS Laboratories in Lima, Peru.

An interpreted 10km long mineralized structural corridor controls the mineralised epithermal veins in a west-northwest trend, originating from an exposed porphyry gabbro-diorite in the southeast portion of the Nieves concession to the outcropping vein El Cielito in the Blanca concession.

Nieves Concession

Main Vein: Sampling of the main intermediate sulphidation epithermal vein returned very high gold, copper and zinc values including - **79.2 g/t Au, 0.98 % Cu, >1% Zn.** The samples were taken along a west-northwest trending system of exposed epithermal quartz veins with pyrite and chalcopyrite within a phyllic altered intrusive gabbro unit.

Southeastern corner: Sampling of drainage exposures returned values up to 2.99 g/t Au. Outcrops of volcanic breccia, volcanic tuffs, and intrusives (diorite) rocks were noted.

Blanca Concession

Cielito vein: Sampling of the intermediate sulphidation Cielito vein and surrounding drainages returned **72.3 g/t Au**, **18.75 g/t Au, 17.05 g/t Au and 4.93 g/t Au hosted in volcanics and volcanic breccias** showing weak quartz-pyrite-illite and chlorite-sericite alteration.

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Future Work

Incoming assays from the geochemical stream sampling will help direct future exploration activities. Follow up work will include detailed mapping and rock chip sampling, trenching and gridded auger soil programs to test the extent and nature of the interpreted NW mineralised corridor.

Blanca Nieves - Significant Rock Chip Results							
Sample ID	easting	northing	elevation	Au_ppm	Ag_ppm	Cu_ppm	Zn_ppm
R01000290	791128	94200	1140	72.3	13.3	18.2	33
R01000257	791090	94207	1150	18.75	0.35	52.6	11
R01000255	791076	94237	1154	17.05	7.14	260	833
R01000256	791066	94220	1156	4.93	1.63	15.9	16
R01000265	796507	91961	803	79.2	>100	9810	>10000
R01000267	796507	91961	804	6.77	59	1500	306
R01000298	791015	93602	956	3.2	1.14	111	1170
R01000274	799020	90442	899	2.99	54.9	39.1	514
R01000309	790900	93881	1032	2.63	21.2	133.5	>10000
R01000277	798791	89990	829	2.23	77.7	453	>10000
R01000303	790436	93436	953	1.61	1.68	57.2	487
R01000260	796508	90977	784	1.32	2.01	10840	43
R01000297	790920	93330	910	1.32	1.63	123	2490
R01000293	790868	92809	799	1.01	2.74	289	10000

Table 2: Blanca Nieves Rock Chip Samples – Significant Results.

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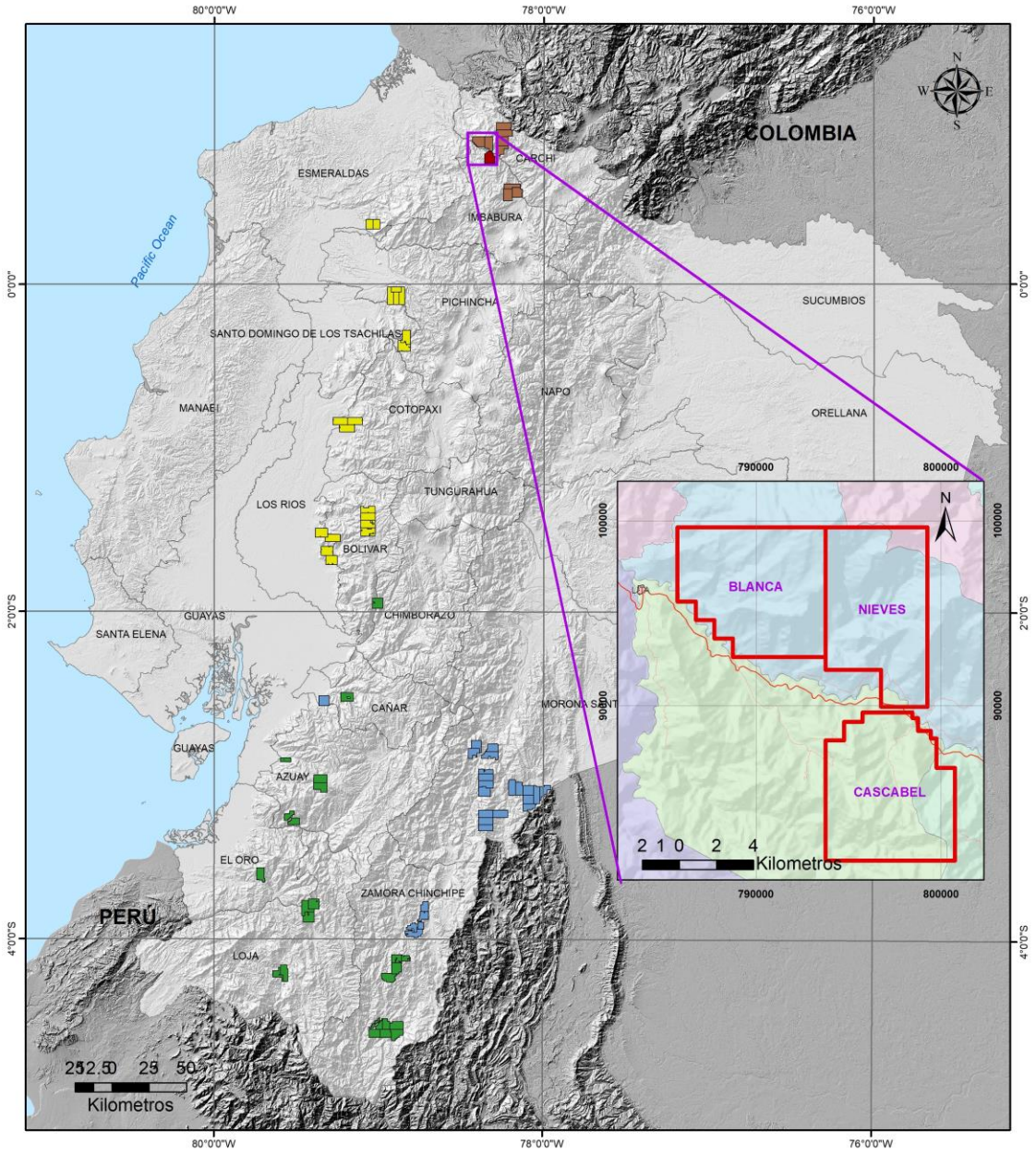


Figure 1: Regional project location plan – showing all granted concessions.

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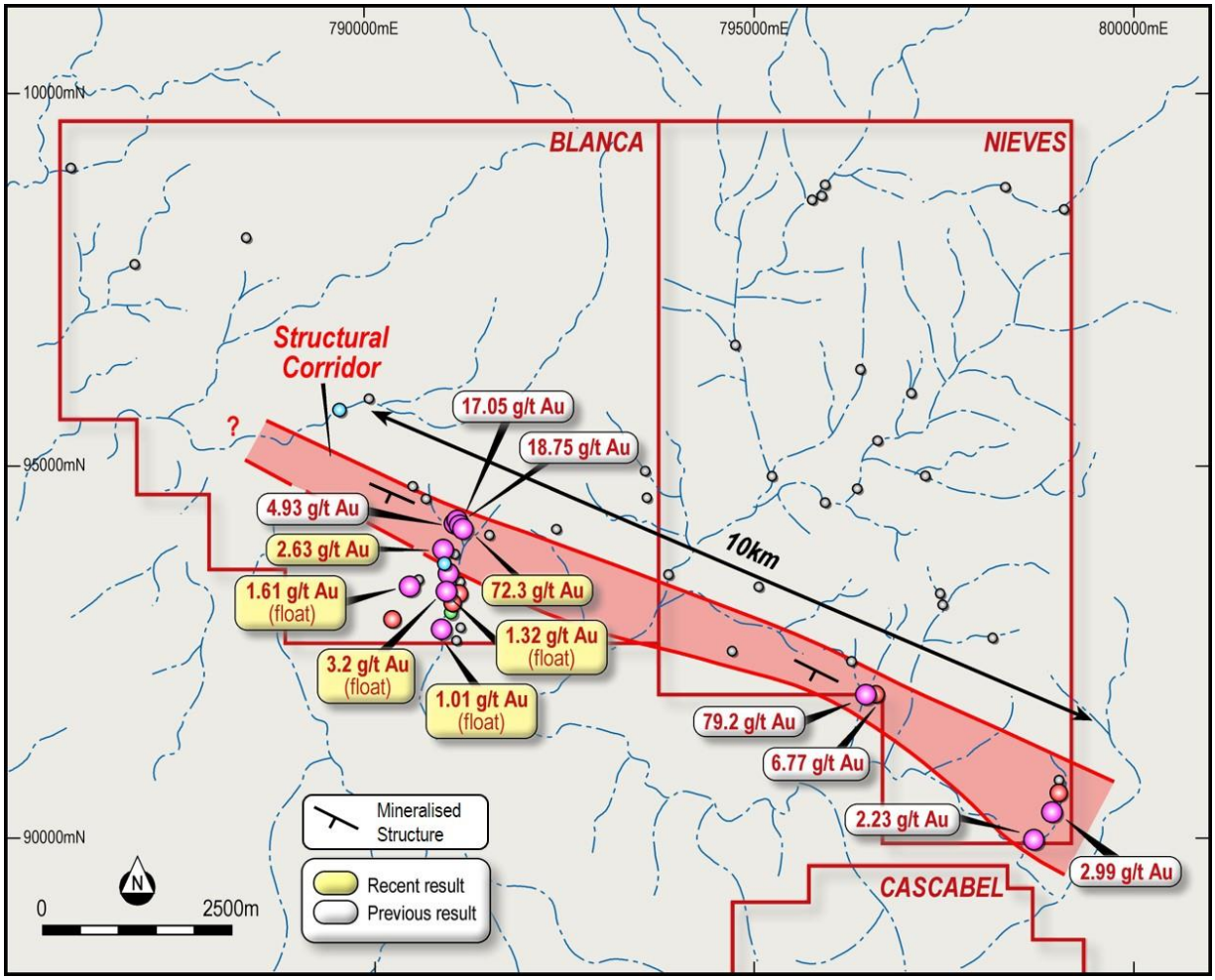


Figure 2: Location of rock chip samples at the Blanca Nieves Project.

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.

By order of the Board
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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 USD90m in available cash to continue the exploration and appraisal of its flagship Cascabel Project, and with which to conduct regional exploration programs on its 73 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.

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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 25km^2, along with an additional 9km^2 of Induced Polarisation and 14km^2 Magnetotelluric "Orion" surveys over the Alpala cluster and other targets at Aguinaga, Parambas, Tandayama-America, Moran and Chinambicito.

SolGold has completed over 80,000m of drilling and expended over USD85M 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^2 tenement with a focus on Alpala. Further drill testing at Alpala will focus on:

- Extending and infilling the Alpala Central area.
- Expanding the system at Alpala Northwest and Trivinio.
- Testing extensions of the system at Alpala Southeast.
- Testing geochemical and magnetic targets at Alpala West and Carmen.

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.

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A number of 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** within the Cautionary Statement. 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 extensive concession areas 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 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.

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"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.

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 continue rapid growth of the deposit.

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	[1] 469Mt @ 0.95g/t Au; 14.3MOz Au
LOS SULFATOS	2007	Cu,Mo	Chile	Advanced Exploration	Underground	[2] 1.2Bt @ 1.46% Cu and 0.02% Mo; 17.5Mt Cu
BRUCEJACK	2008	Au	Canada	Development/Construction	Open Pit	[3] 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	[4] 1.34Bt @ 2.72% Cu; 36.5 Mt Cu
GOLPU	2009	Cu,Au	PNG	Feasibility - New project	Underground	[5] 820Mt @ 1.0% Cu, 0.70g/t Au; 8.2Mt Cu, 18.5Moz Au
COTE	2010	Au,Cu	Canada	Feasibility Study	Open Pit	[6] 289Mt @ 0.90 g/t Au: 8.4MOz Au
HAIYU	2011	Au	China	Development/Construction	Underground	[7] 15Moz Au
RED HILL-GOLD RUSH	2011	Au	United States	Feasibility Study	Open Pit & U/ground	[8] 47.6Mt @ 4.56g/t Au; 7.0MOz Au
XILING	2016	Au	China	Advanced Exploration	Underground	[9] 383Mt @ 4.52g/t Au; 55.7MOz Au

Source: after MinEx Consulting, May 2017

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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 Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Grade			Contained Metal		
			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% CuEq	**Indicated**	**430**	**0.5**	**0.4**	**0.8**	**2.3**	**6.0**	**3.4**
	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.

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