

After-Tax NPV of \$248M, IRR of 43% at \$1200/oz Gold

VANCOUVER , BC--(Marketwired - March 23, 2016) - Timmins Gold Corp. (TSX: TMM) (NYSE MKT: TGD) ("Timmins" or the "Company") is pleased to report the results of the recently completed National Instrument 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") for the Ana Paula Project in Guerrero, Mexico ("Ana Paula"), prepared by JDS Energy & Mining Inc. This PEA, which replaces the original October 2014 version, was prepared to incorporate Timmins' recent acquisition of the El Sauzal process plant and infrastructure ("facilities") into the capital estimates. Additional updates were made to the operating costs to reflect changes in gold price, MXP/USD foreign exchange, and update major consumables prices.

All dollar amounts in this release are stated in US currency.

PEA HIGHLIGHTS

- Base Case at \$1,200 Au & \$14 Ag per ounce (updated)
- Pre-tax NPV @5% of \$408 million, IRR of 59% with a 1.6 year payback (updated)
- After-tax NPV @5% of \$248 million, IRR of 43% with a 2.1 year payback (updated)
- Initial capital costs of \$121.7 million (includes contingency costs of \$19.8 million) (updated)
- Open pit mine with 6,000 tonne per day ("tpd") gravity/flotation/CIL process plant (same as 2014 PEA)
- Cash costs of \$470/ oz gold, \$442/oz gold Net of By-Product credits (updated)
- All-in sustaining costs ("AISC") of \$507/oz gold, \$479/oz gold Net of By-Product credits (updated)
- Average annual production of 116,000 gold ounces and 239,000 silver ounces over a 8.2 year mine life (same as 2014 PEA)
- LOM average head grades of 2.24 g/t gold and 6.89 g/t silver (same as 2014 PEA)
- LOM gold and silver recoveries of 75% and 50%, respectively (same as 2014 PEA)
- LOM strip ratio of 2.60 to 1 of waste to mineralized material (same as 2014 PEA)

"This PEA update quantifies the economic benefits of the El Sauzal facilities acquisition on the already-robust Ana Paula Project. We continue to view Ana Paula as one of the best development-stage gold projects in Mexico," commented Mark Backens, Interim CEO. "Total initial capital estimate has been reduced by approximately \$42 million. It is also important to note that because we have already acquired essentially all of the equipment and materials the risk of capex overruns and delivery delays has been significantly lowered."

PEA SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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| Mine Life | Years | 8.2 |
| Total Ore | M tonnes | 17.8 |
| Total Waste | M tonnes | 33.6 |
| Total Capitalized Waste | M tonnes | 12.5 |
| Total Mined | M tonnes | 63.9 |
| Strip Ratio | w:o | 2.6:1 |
| Mining Rate | tpd | 23,385 |
| Plant Throughput | tpd | 6,000 |
| Average Au head grade | g/t | 2.24 |
| Average Ag head grade | g/t | 6.89 |
| Payable metal, Au | LOM k oz | 957 |
| | k oz/yr | 116 |
| Payable metal, Ag | LOM k oz | 1,961 |
| | k oz/yr | 239 |

SUMMARY OF ECONOMICS AT BASE CASE US\$1,200/Oz GOLD

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| Pre-Tax Cash Flow during Production (US \$M) | \$691 |
| Avg Pre-Tax Cash Flow per Year (US \$M) | \$84 |
| Taxes (US \$M) | \$206 |
| After-Tax Cash Flow during Production(US \$M) | \$485 |
| Avg After-Tax Cash Flow per Year(US \$M) | \$59 |
| Discount Rate | 5% |
| Pre-Tax NPV (US\$M) | \$408 |
| Pre-Tax IRR | 59% |
| Pre-Tax Payback (Yrs) | 1.6 |
| After-Tax NPV (US\$M) | 248 |
| After-Tax IRR | 43% |

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| After-Tax Payback (Yrs) | 2.1 |
| Au Cash Cost (US \$/oz) | \$470 |
| Au Cash Cost Net of By-Products (US \$/oz) | \$442 |
| Au Cash Cost incl. Sustaining Capital (US \$/oz) | \$507 |
| Au Cash Cost Net of By-Products incl. Sustaining Capital (US \$/oz) | \$479 |

The PEA mine plan and economic model include the use of inferred resources which are considered to be too speculative to be used in an economic analysis except as permitted by National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101) for use in a PEA. There is no guarantee that inferred resources can be converted to indicated or measured resources and, as such, there is no guarantee that the project economics described herein will be achieved.

CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS SUMMARY

| Capital Costs | Pre-Production (US \$M) | Sustaining & Closure (US \$M) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Capitalized Stripping | 15.2 | 12.3 |
| Contractor Mob/Demob | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Process Plant | 26.6 | 1.5 |
| General Site & Utilities | 5.1 | 0.3 |
| Laboratory | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Construction Camp | 0.6 | 0 |
| Camp Site (Operations) | 1.5 | 0.3 |
| Administration Facilities | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Tailings Facility | 13 | 14.6 |
| Electrical Supply & Distribution | 4.6 | 0.2 |
| Water Supply & Distribution | 1.8 | 0 |
| Royalty Purchase | 2.8 | 0 |
| Reclamation/Closure | 0 | 14.4 |
| Indirects | 14.0 | 0 |
| EPCM | 11.3 | 0 |
| Owners Costs | 4.4 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 101.8 | 44.3 |
| Contingency (20%) | 19.8 | 8.7 |
| Total Capital Costs | 121.7 | 53.2 |

| Operating Costs | LOM Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Resource & Waste Mined for OPEX | tonnes 51.4M |
| Pre-Stripping and Capitalized Waste | tonnes 12.5M |
| Resource Processed | tonnes 17.8M |
| Mining âj | US\$/t processed \$6.00 \$106.5M |
| Resource Rehandle* | US\$/t processed \$0.12 \$2.1M |
| Processing | US\$/t processed \$15.52 \$275.6M |
| G&A | US\$/t processed \$2.34 \$41.6M |
| Total Operating Costs | US\$/t processed \$23.98 \$425.8M |

âjMining Cost is based on \$2.10/t mined

*Rehandle Cost is based on \$0.50/t rehandled

SENSITIVITIES

| Gold Price US\$/oz | \$1,000 | \$1,100 | \$1,200 | \$1,300 | \$1,400 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Pre-Tax NPV _{5%} US\$ | 262 | 335 | 408 | 480 | 553 |
| After-Tax NPV _{5%} US\$ | 154 | 201 | 248 | 295 | 342 |
| Pre-Tax IRR | 43% | 51% | 59% | 66% | 73% |
| After-Tax IRR | 31% | 37% | 43% | 48% | 53% |
| Pre-Tax Payback Yrs | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| After-Tax Payback Yrs | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ana Paula Project is located in the Guerrero Gold Belt in the State of Guerrero, Mexico, a favourable jurisdiction for mining investment with clearly established mining laws and regulatory due process. The region is also host to several operating gold mines and in close proximity to Ana Paula is Goldcorp's Los Filos, and Torex Gold's El Limon/Guajes Mine which recently declared production across the Balsas River from the Project. Ana Paula is close to all necessary infrastructure including water, road, power, and people.

PREPARATION OF PEA

The PEA was independently prepared by JDS Energy & Mining Inc. ("JDS") of Tucson, Arizona. A technical report following the guidelines of the Canadian Securities Administrators' NI 43-101 will be filed on SEDAR and on the Timmins Gold website within 45 days.

The PEA is based on a mineral resource estimate prepared by Independent Mining Consultants, Inc., Tucson Arizona, USA. This mineral resource estimate has been developed under the direction of Mr. H. E. Welhener. The resource is based on 223 diamond core drill holes aggregating 108,832 metres and containing 77,183 assay intervals, of which effectively all are assayed for gold and silver. The mineral resource estimate has an effective date of August 8th, 2014.

The tonnage and grades of the Ana Paula mineral resource* at a 0.46 g/t AuEq cutoff are shown in the table below:

| Category | k tonnes | AuEq, g/t | Au, g/t | Ag, g/t | Contained | Ounces |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | Gold | Silver |
| Measured | 27,767 | 1.661 | 1.608 | 4.90 | 1,176,748 | 3,587,101 |
| Indicated | 18,243 | 1.229 | 1.163 | 5.95 | 682,243 | 3,488,565 |
| Sum M&I | 41,010 | 1.469 | 1.410 | 5.37 | 1,858,991 | 7,075,666 |
| Inferred | 1,904 | 1.233 | 1.113 | 10.85 | 68,145 | 664,484 |

*The resources are classified according to their proximity to sample locations and are reported, as required by NI 43-101, according to the CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves.

Notes and assumptions:

1. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves until they have demonstrated economic viability
2. Mineral Resources are reported as undiluted
3. Mineral Resources were developed in accordance with CIM (2010) guidelines
4. Mineral Resources are reported using a long-term gold price of \$1,450/oz and silver price of \$23/oz
5. Mining costs used are estimated at \$1.85/ton plus \$0.02/bench below 900m elevation
6. Processing costs +general and administrative expenses are estimated at \$17.25 per tonne
7. Gold recoveries are estimated at 80%
8. Silver recoveries are estimated at 55%. A silver divisor of 91.7 was used to calculate equivalent gold. (Silver is assumed to be recovered along with gold during processing.)
10. Pit slope angles are 55 degrees east-facing, 45 degrees west-facing
11. 12. Resource QP is H. E. Welhener of IMC
13. M&I = measured and indicated, Mt = million tonnes, g/t = grams per tonne, Moz = million ounces, Au = gold, Ag = silver, AuEq = gold equivalent
14. There can be no assurance that all or any part of this resource will be converted into a mineral reserve

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The proposed project concept is to develop a green-fields gold-silver deposit with open pit mining and gravity/flotation/CIL process plant with a production rate assumed of 6,000 tonnes per day.

The PEA forecasts an 8.2 year mine life and a LOM strip ratio (the ratio of waste rock to economic mineralized rock) of 2.60 to 1. A total of 17.8 million tonnes of mineralized resource could be mined and processed with 33.6 million tons of waste and 12.5 million tonnes of capitalized waste. Some of the capitalized waste rock would be stockpiled and an undetermined portion may be reclassified as a resource at a later date should metallurgical test work support economic viability. Throughout the life-of-mine, an estimated 957,000 ounces of payable gold and 2.0 million ounces of payable silver would be produced at an average head grade of 2.24 g/t gold and 6.89g/t silver.

METALLURGY AND PROCESSING

A metallurgical test work program for the PEA was carried out on samples of composited drill core. The composites were made

from six rock types and subjected to direct cyanidation testing, flotation and gravity concentration followed by cyanidation, coarse particle leaching, and mineralogical department. The composite responded positively to both direct cyanidation and flotation concentration followed by cyanidation. Test work was conducted by ALS Metallurgy in Kamloops BC and reported January 31st, 2014.

The flowsheet selected for Ana Paula consists of a primary crushing, grinding (SAG mill, ball mill, vertical mill), gravity recovery, flotation, disposal of flotation tails, leaching of a combined gravity and flotation concentrate, and recovery of precious metals by the carbon-in-leach method. This flowsheet is commonly used throughout the world.

ENVIRONMENT, PERMITTING AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The project area is not within a known environmental protection area. Formal environmental baseline studies have not been initiated but will be required to obtain the environmental permits for future mining operations. Communication with the local community, private land owners and the "Ejido" (cooperative land tenure system) was initiated as part of the exploration program.

PEA CONTRIBUTORS

Qualified Persons and QA/QC

The technical information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with Canadian regulatory requirements set out in NI 43-101 and reviewed by Mr. Taj Singh, M.Eng, P.Eng, a Qualified Person. The field programs and selection of the metallurgical samples from Ana Paula were carried out under the supervision of Dr. Craig Gibson, PhD, CPG, and a Qualified Person under NI 43-101.

The PEA was conducted under the overall direction of Mr. Michel Creek, P.E., of JDS Energy and Mining, Inc. of Tucson Arizona. Mr. Creek is a JDS Project Manager and an independent "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101 who has verified the technical and scientific information and prepared the economic analysis included in this news release. There are no known legal, political, environmental, or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Project.

Under Mr. Creek's review, the following Qualified Persons contributed to their respective sections or reviewed their previous content:

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The reader is advised that the PEA summarized in this release is intended to provide only an initial, high-level review of the project potential and design options. There is no guarantee that Inferred resources can be converted to Indicated or Measured resources, and as such, there is no guarantee the project economics described herein will be achieved.

Technical information contained in this news release was reviewed and approved by Taj Singh, M.Eng., P.Eng., the Vice President of Engineering and Project Development for Timmins, who is recognized as a QP under NI 43-101.

About Timmins Gold

The Company owns and operates the San Francisco open pit, heap leach gold mine in Sonora, which provides a base of operations, allowing the Company to develop two economically robust growth projects with manageable capital requirements, the Ana Paula and Caballo Blanco gold projects.

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