

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - August 22, 2017) - [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) ("Sarama" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE: SWA) announces that it has received advice from the Government of Burkina Faso confirming the transfer of the Djarkadougou Exploration Permit (the "Permit") into a 100%-owned subsidiary of Sarama.

The Djarkadougou Exploration Property ("Djarkadougou" or the "Property") hosts the Bondi Deposit and was the subject of a purchase agreement between Sarama and [Orezone Gold Corp.](#) ("Orezone") (refer news release May 24, 2016). With the transfer of the Permit into Sarama's subsidiary, the transaction is now considered closed and Sarama will remove the escrow on Sarama common shares and warrants that were issued to Orezone as consideration for the purchase of the Property by Sarama.

Sarama has already commenced exploration activity on Djarkadougou and has made progress in identifying and drill testing new exploration targets, the results of which will be provided in future news releases. Djarkadougou is a highly-strategic property that forms part of Sarama's 100%-owned ThreeBee Project and is expected to play an important role in any future development plans in the southern HoundÃ© Belt (refer Figure 1).

Sarama's President and CEO, Andrew Dinning, commented:

"Sarama is pleased to have the transaction closed and appreciates Orezone's assistance in joint efforts to complete this final stage with the Government of Burkina Faso.

We view the acquisition of the Bondi Deposit as an important step in the consolidation of the highly prospective southern HoundÃ© Belt which is an area where Sarama has had significant exploration success and controls a large land position with significant interests in three advanced gold exploration projects.

Sarama is also looking forward to exploring the potential of the greater Djarkadougou Property, outside the immediate area of the Bondi Deposit which has been the focus of historical exploration activities."

ABOUT SARAMA RESOURCES LTD

[Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX VENTURE: SWA) is a West African focused gold explorer with substantial landholdings in Burkina Faso. Sarama is focused on consolidating under-explored landholdings in Burkina Faso and other established mining jurisdictions.

Sarama's flagship properties are situated within the Company's South HoundÃ© Project area in south-west Burkina Faso. Located within the prolific HoundÃ© Greenstone Belt, Sarama's exploration programs have built on significant early success to deliver an inferred mineral resource estimate of 2.1 Moz gold². [Acacia Mining plc](#) is earning up to a 70% interest in the South HoundÃ© Project by satisfying certain conditions, including funding earn-in expenditures of up to US\$14 million, over a 4-year earn-in period and may acquire an additional 5% interest, for an aggregate 75% interest in the Project, upon declaration of a minimum mineral reserve of 1.6 million ounces of gold. Acacia has satisfied certain milestones and currently holds a 50% interest in the South HoundÃ© Project and is continuing to sole fund exploration activities.

Sarama holds a 31% participating interest in the Karankasso Project Joint Venture ("JV") which is situated adjacent to the Company's South HoundÃ© Project in Burkina Faso and is a JV between Sarama and [Savary Gold Corp.](#) ("Savary"). Savary is the operator of the JV and in October 2015, declared a maiden inferred mineral resource estimate of 671,000 ounces of contained gold³ at the Karankasso Project JV.

Sarama also holds a 100% interest in the Bondi Deposit which has a historical estimate of mineral resources of 0.3Moz Au (measured and indicated) and 0.1Moz Au (inferred)¹.

Together, the South HoundÃ© Project, Bondi Deposit and the Karankasso Project form a cluster of advanced gold deposits, within trucking distance of one another, which potentially offers a development option for a multi-source fed central processing facility in the southern HoundÃ© Belt region of Burkina Faso.

Incorporated in 2010, the Company's Board and management team have a proven track record in Africa and a strong history in the discovery and development of large-scale gold deposits. Sarama is well positioned to build on its current success with a sound exploration strategy across its property portfolio.

FOOTNOTES

1. Bondi Deposit -- 4.1Mt @ 2.1g/t Au for 282,000 oz Au (measured and indicated) and 2.5Mt @ 1.8g/t Au for 149,700 oz Au (inferred), reported at a 0.5 g/t Au cut-off.

- I. The historical estimate of the Bondi Deposit reflects a mineral resource estimate compiled by [Orezone Gold Corp.](#) ("Orezone" which has an effective date of February 20, 2009. The historical estimate is contained in a technical report titled "Technical Report on the Mineral Resource of the Bondigui Gold Project", dated date of February 20, 2009 (the "Bondi Technical Report" and is available under the profile of Orezone on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.
- II. Sarama believes that the historical estimate is relevant to investors' understanding of the property, as it reflects the most recent technical work undertaken in respect of the Bondi Deposit.
- III. The historical estimate was informed by 886 drillholes, assayed for gold by cyanidation methods, were used to interpret mineralised envelopes and geological zones over the area of the historical estimate. Gold grade interpolation was undertaken using ID² methodology based on input parameters derived from geostatistical and geological analyses assessments. Field measurements and geological logging of drillholes were used to determine weathering boundaries and bulk densities for modelled blocks.
- IV. The historical estimate uses the mineral resource reporting categories required under National Instrument 43-101.
- V. No more recent estimates of the mineral resource or other data are available.
- VI. Sarama is currently undertaking the necessary verification work in the field and on the desktop that may support the future reclassification of the historical estimate to a mineral resource.
- VII. A qualified person engaged by Sarama has not undertaken sufficient work to verify the historical estimate as a current mineral resource and Sarama is therefore not treating the historical estimate as a current mineral resource.

2. South HoundÃ© Project -- 43.0 Mt @ 1.5 g/t Au (reported above cut-off grades ranging 0.3-2.2 g/t Au, reflecting the mining methods and processing flowsheets assumed to assess the likelihood of the inferred mineral resources having reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction). The effective date of the Company's inferred mineral resource estimate is February 2016. For further information regarding the mineral resource estimate please refer to the technical report titled "NI 43-101 Independent Technical Report South HoundÃ© Project Update, Bougouriba and Ioba Provinces, Burkina Faso", dated March 31 2016. The technical report is available under [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#)'s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

3. Karankasso Project -- 9.2 Mt @ 2.3 g/t Au (at a 0.5 g/t Au cut-off). The effective date of the Karankasso Project JV mineral resource estimate is October 7, 2015. For further information regarding the mineral resource estimate please refer to the technical report titled "Technical Report and Resource Estimate on the Karankasso Project, Burkina Faso", dated October 7, 2015. The technical report is available under [Savary Gold Corp.](#)'s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Sarama has not independently verified the mineral resource estimate for the Karankasso Project using a Qualified Person because Savary is the operator of the Karankasso Project JV and Sarama is relying on their Qualified Persons' assurance of the validity of the mineral resource estimate compiled by Savary.

4. For further information regarding the drilling on the Bamako and Bouni Properties, please refer to the technical report titled "NI 43-101 Independent Technical Report South HoundÃ© Project Update, Bougouriba and Ioba Provinces, Burkina Faso", dated October 28, 2013. The technical report is available under [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#)'s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Information in this news release that is not a statement of historical fact constitutes forward-looking information. Such forward-looking information includes statements regarding the Company's plans for exploration at the Djarkadougou Property, plans for exploration at the South HoundÃ© Project, the Earn-In Agreement with Acacia, including the amounts that may be spent on exploration and interests in the South HoundÃ© Project that may be earned by Acacia upon making certain expenditures and estimating a minimum reserve, the potential for mine development and the potential for further property consolidation.

Actual results, performance or achievements of the Company may vary from the results suggested by such forward-looking statements due to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Such factors include, among others, that the business of exploration for gold and other precious minerals involves a high degree of risk and is highly speculative in nature; Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves, they do not have demonstrated economic viability, and there is no certainty that they can be upgraded to Mineral Reserves through continued exploration; few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines; geological factors; the actual results of current and future exploration; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be evaluated, as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's publicly filed documents. There can be no assurance that any mineralisation that is discovered will be proven to be economic, or that future required regulatory licensing or approvals will be obtained. However, the Company believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in the forward-looking information are reasonable. Assumptions have been made regarding, among other things, Acacia's continued funding of exploration activities, the Company's ability to carry on its exploration activities, the sufficiency of funding, the timely receipt of required approvals, the price of gold and other precious metals, that the Company will not be affected by adverse political events, the ability of the Company to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and the ability

of the Company to obtain further financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

Sarama does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except as required by applicable laws.

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QUALIFIED PERSONS' STATEMENT

Scientific or technical information in this news release that relates to the Company's exploration activities in Burkina Faso is based on information compiled or approved by Guy Scherrer. Guy Scherrer is an employee of [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) and is a member in good standing of the Ordre des G  ologues du Qu  bec and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the commodity, style of mineralisation under consideration and activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Guy Scherrer consents to the inclusion in this report of the information, in the form and context in which it appears.

Scientific or technical information in this news release that relates to the preparation of the South Hound   Project's mineral resource estimate is based on information compiled or approved by Adrian Shepherd. Adrian Shepherd is an employee of Cube Consulting Pty Ltd and is considered to be independent of [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) Adrian Shepherd is a Chartered Professional Member in good standing of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the commodity, style of mineralisation under consideration and activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Adrian Shepherd consents to the inclusion in this news release of the information, in the form and context in which it appears.

Scientific or technical information in this news release, in respect of the Bondi Deposit relating to mineral resource and exploration information drawn from the Technical Report prepared for Orezone on that deposit has been approved by Guy Scherrer. Guy Scherrer is an employee of [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) and is a member in good standing of the Ordre des G  ologues du Qu  bec and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the commodity, style of mineralisation under consideration and activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Guy Scherrer consents to the inclusion in this report of the information, in the form and context in which it appears.

Scientific or technical information in this news release that relates to the preparation of the Karankasso Project's mineral resource estimate is based on information compiled or approved by Eugene Puritch and Antoine Yassa. Eugene Puritch and Antoine Yassa are employees of P&E Mining Consultants Inc. and are considered to be independent of [Savary Gold Corp.](#) and [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) Antoine Yassa is a member in good standing of the Ordre des G  ologues du Qu  bec and Eugene Puritch is a member in good standing of Professional Engineers Ontario. Eugene Puritch and Antoine Yassa have sufficient experience which is relevant to the commodity, style of mineralisation under consideration and activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Eugene Puritch and Antoine Yassa consent to the inclusion in this news release of the information, in the form and context in which it appears. Sarama has not independently verified the mineral resource estimate for the Karankasso Project using a Qualified Person because Savary is the operator of the Karankasso Project JV and Sarama is relying on their Qualified Persons' assurance of the validity of the mineral resource estimate compiled by Savary.

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