

Core Gold Announces Start of Drilling Campaign at Linderos Property

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, July 09, 2018 -- [Core Gold Inc.](#) ("Core Gold" or the "Company") (TSX-V:CGLD) (OTCQX:CGLDF) is pleased to announce that it has begun a 1,700m Phase 1 drilling campaign at its wholly owned Linderos property in Ecuador.

Keith Piggott, CEO of Core Gold commented "The start of our Phase 1 exploration drilling program at Linderos is a milestone for the Company as we believe Linderos to be one of the most prospective undrilled gold targets in Ecuador."

The initial drilling program will target two porphyry related mesothermal & epithermal gold bearing vein structures (Structure 1 and Structure 2) hosted in a NW-SE trending shear zone mapped and sampled in 2017. Results from this trenching program defined Structure 1 with a width of 8.4 m extending 910 m along strike averaging 8.18 g/t Au and 13.81 g/t Ag and Structure 2 with a width of 2.4 m extending 500 m along strike averaging 9.22 g/t Au and 10.46 g/t Ag. These two structures are hosted within the broader shear zone, which extends for approximately 1 Km in the direction northwest & southeast. For more information on these structures please refer to the Company's February 22nd, 2018 news release.

The Linderos Project

The Linderos project is an exploration property located in Macara county, Loja province, southern Ecuador. It is composed of four contiguous concessions totaling 14,317 hectares, located approximately 45 Km southwest of the Company's Dynasty Goldfield project. The Linderos project comprises gold-copper porphyry system style mineralization.

Within the Linderos project, the hydrothermal alterations zone covers an area of about 1.5 Km². The porphyry is emplaced in Cretaceous volcanic rocks of the Celica Formation and it is structurally controlled by a shear zone with a northwest-southeast strike. This structure hosts economic porphyry related gold mineralization associated to oxidized mesothermal & epithermal quartz vein structures.

The porphyry is conformed by an initial intrusion of dioritic composition, which hosts late mineralized intrusive phases of quartz-diorite, tonalite and rhyolite-dacite composition. The hydrothermal alterations zone is characterized by the occurrence of a potassic core surrounded by phyllic and propylitic alteration halos to the periphery. Mineralization is mainly related to copper and molybdenum observed as disseminated chalcopyrite and molybdenite in veinlets, mainly hosted in the quartz-diorite. Locally, an oxidation zone has been observed with occurrence of malachite and chrysocolla.

The shear zone is a regional structure that is thought to have created a permeable geological environment for the intrusive phases emplacement to form the structural controlled porphyry system. The observed vein structures on surface with significant gold values correspond to porphyry related mesothermal-epithermal vein structures. It is expected that the drilling campaign will provide more light on this.

For a Linderos Project map and planned drill hole locations please use the following link:

<https://www.coregoldinc.com/assets/img/Linderos-Drill-Hole-Map.jpg>

Phase 1 Linderos Drill Program

For 2018 the Company has begun executing on a planned 1,700 m drilling program consisting of 5 diamond

drill holes with core recovery using the Hydro-Core 2000 portable drill rig owned by [Core Gold Inc.](#) This drilling program has been designed with the intention of cutting the two described structures (Structure 1 and Structure 2) to understand the mineralization at depth in the shear zone and porphyry related lithologies. QA & QC procedures and protocols have been implemented to secure results for this drilling campaign. Core samples will be shipped to Inspectorate Lab in Peru as an international qualified laboratory.

For more information on the Linderos project please refer to the Operations Overview section of our website at www.coregoldinc.com.

Qualified Person

Mr. John E. Bolaños, who is a qualified person under NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical content of this news release and will continue consulting the Company for future press releases. Mr. Bolaños is a M.Sc. Mining Geologist from Camborne School of Mines (U.K.) and a Professional Geologist Eng. from The Central University of Ecuador (honours degree). He is a registered member (ID 4172671) of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) of the United States; Director of the Ecuadorian College of Engineers in Geology, Mines, Oil and Environment; and a member of the Mining Chamber of Ecuador. He has 27 years of experience in the exploration and mining industry throughout the Americas.

About Core Gold

The Company is a Canadian based mining company involved in the mining, exploration and development of mineral properties in Ecuador. The Company is currently focused on gold production at its wholly-owned Dynasty Goldfield project and continued development at its legacy Zaruma mine. Mineral is treated at the Company's wholly-owned Portovelo treatment plant close to the Zaruma mine operations. The Company also owns other significant gold exploration projects including the Linderos and Copper Duke area in southern Ecuador all of which are on the main Peruvian Andean gold-copper belt extending into Ecuador.

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