Desert Gold Closes Oversubscribed Financing and Provides Exploration Guidance

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Delta, April 27, 2020 - <u>Desert Gold Ventures Inc.</u> (TSXV: DAU) (FSE: QXR2) (OTC PINK: DAUGF) (the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously CAD \$500,000 non-brokered private placement (the "Financing) The Company raised CAD \$1,283,000 through the sale of 16,037,500 Units. Securities issued as a result of closing of the Financing will be subject to a statutory hold period.

Pursuant to the terms of the Financing, each Unit was priced at CAD \$0.08 and consists of one common share in the equity of the Company and one-half common share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each full Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of three (3) years from the closing of the Financing. In connection with closing, the Company will pay finders' fees of CAD \$46,550 and issue 581,875 non-transferable brokers warrants (a "Broker Warrant"). Each Broker Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.15 for a period of three (3) years.

Desert Gold's CEO Jared Scharf commented, "We were encouraged by the strong market support for this financing as the macroeconomic setting for gold continues to improve. The oversubscribed placement will allow us to do additional exploration work over several high priority targets at our roughly 400 km² Senegal Mali Shear Zone Project.

The proceeds of the Financing will be used for drilling and other exploration related activities at the Company's Senegal Mali Shear Zone Project in Western Mali ("SMSZ Project") and for general corporate purposes. The Financing is subject to final exchange approval.

Exploration Guidance

The planned program will be evenly split between mining camp-scale conceptual targets and high value drill targets that have already been defined. The bulk of the conceptual targeting comprises approximately 10,000 metres of auger drilling on wide-spaced drill fences (1.7 to 4.7 km apart) that will test below laterite-covered areas, proximal to the east side of the Senegal Mali Shear Zone, where regionally, the largest gold deposits have been discovered, including Fekola, Gounkoto, Loulo, to the south along strike, and Sadiola, to the north along strike (see Figure 1). Additional auger holes will test for extensions to gold-bearing hydrothermal breccias and along other mineralized trends that require additional definition. Core and reverse circulation drilling is planned at the Gourbassi East, Gourbassi West and Barani East areas (Figure 2), with all holes targeting extensions to know mineralization, including follow-up of an at surface intercept of 3.52 g/t gold over 33 metres (estimated 28 metres true thickness) at Gourbassi West and down plunge testing of an intercept at Barani East of 6.28 g/t gold over 13 metres (estimated 11 metres true thickness).

Note that this program is subject to work restrictions related to Covid 19 and while, currently, the planned program appears able to proceed, there is no guarantee that operating conditions will not change in the future.

This press release contains certain scientific and technical information. The Company is solely responsible for the contents and accuracy of any scientific and technical information related to it. Don Dudek, P.Geo a director of Desert Gold and a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this press release.

Figure 1 - SMSZ Project Location, Regional Geology and Major Deposits in Western Mali and Eastern

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Senegal

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Figure 2 - SMSZ Project on Color-Contoured Magnetic base with major zones and soil anomalies

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On Behalf of the Board

"Jared Scharf"

Jared Scharf President & Director

About Desert Gold

<u>Desert Gold Ventures Inc.</u> is a gold exploration and development company which holds 2 gold exploration permits in Western Mali (SMSZ Project and Djimbala) and its Rutare gold project in central Rwanda. For further information please visit www.SEDAR.com under the company's profile. Website: www.desertgold.ca

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