

# New Found Intercepts 5.16 g/t Au Over 28.65m & 4.02 g/t Au Over 14.65m at Keats West

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New Found Gold Corp. ("New Found" or the "Company") (TSX-V: NFG, NYSE-A: NFGC) is pleased to announce the results from nine diamond drill holes that were completed as part of a drill program designed to test the newly discovered Keats West zone, a low-angle thrust fault that dips gently to the south-southwest and is located on the west side of the highly prospective Appleton Fault Zone ("AFZ"). New Found's 100%-owned Queensway project comprises a 1,662km<sup>2</sup> area, accessible via the Trans-Canada Highway, 15km west of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Figure 1: Photos of mineralization from NFGC-23-1171: Left: at ~42.5m Right: at ~43m. ^Note that these photos are not intended to be representative of gold mineralization in NFGC-23-1171.

Keats West Highlights:

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Zone
NFGC-23-1158 <sup>1</sup>	53.25	63.40	10.15	2.71	Keats W
And <sup>1</sup>	70.80	83.65	12.85	1.71	
NFGC-23-1162 <sup>1</sup>	88.75	105.80	17.05	2.55	Keats W
Including	102.05	103.00	0.95	11.50	
NFGC-23-1164 <sup>2</sup>	60.00	71.35	11.35	1.15	Keats W
NFGC-23-1171 <sup>1</sup>	29.00	57.65	28.65	5.16	Keats W
Including	37.20	38.45	1.25	11.43	
Including	40.35	43.25	2.90	15.73	
NFGC-23-1180 <sup>1</sup>	61.95	75.05	13.10	1.58	Keats W
NFGC-23-1189 <sup>1</sup>	68.00	82.65	14.65	4.02	Keats W
Including	72.00	72.60	0.60	14.55	
Including	82.10	82.65	0.55	38.82	

Table 1: Keats West Drilling Highlights

Note host structures are interpreted to be shallowly dipping and true widths are generally estimated to be <sup>1</sup> 70% to 95% and <sup>2</sup>40% to 70%, of reported intervals. Infill veining in secondary structures with multiple orientations crosscutting the primary host structures are commonly observed in drill core which could result in additional uncertainty in true width. Composite intervals reported carry a minimum weighted average of 1 g/t Au diluted over a minimum core length of 2m with a maximum of 4m consecutive dilution. Included high-grade intercepts are reported as any consecutive interval with grades greater than 10 g/t Au. Grades have not been capped in the averaging and intervals are reported as drill thickness.

- Keats West is a shallow zone of gold mineralization starting at surface, with all intercepts drilled to date occurring above 130m vertical depth. It is defined by continuous gold mineralization over an area spanning 305m long x 250m wide that averages 30m in thickness (Figures 1 - 3).
- Today's highlight intervals continue to demonstrate excellent continuity of high-grade gold mineralization over considerable thicknesses as seen in NFGC-23-1171 grading 5.16 g/t Au over 28.65m and in NFGC-23-1189 grading 4.02 g/t Au over 14.65m. NFGC-23-1171 occurs 60m along strike of previously released interval of 10.1 g/t Au over 22.50m in NFGC-22-945 (March 21, 2023) and NFGC-23-1189 occurs 25m along strike of previously released interval of 17.2 g/t Au over 22.90m and 12.0 g/t Au over 18.40m in NFGC-22-1040 (April 25, 2023).
- Additional intervals released today such as 2.71 g/t Au over 10.15m and 1.71 g/t Au over 12.85m in NFGC-23-1158, 2.55 g/t Au over 17.05m in NFGC-23-1162, and 1.58 g/t Au over 13.10m in NFGC-23-1180 are characteristic of the broad domains of gold found at Keats West, with true widths of these intercepts estimated to be between 70-95%.

Melissa Render, VP of Exploration of New Found, stated: "These are exceptional results from Keats West; with interval lengths near true width, occurring at or near surface, and impressive consistency of grade and thickness from hole to hole, this discovery west of the AFZ remains one of our greatest discovery achievements. With 64,000 meters pending assay results along both sides of the Appleton Fault Zone, we are eager to see what comes next at Queensway."

#### Drillhole Details

Hole No.	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Zone
NFGC-23-1158 <sup>1</sup>	17.80	20.25	2.45	3.20	
And <sup>1</sup>	53.25	63.40	10.15	2.71	Keats W
And <sup>1</sup>	70.80	83.65	12.85	1.71	
NFGC-23-1162 <sup>1</sup>	26.45	31.45	5.00	1.91	
And <sup>1</sup>	38.70	40.90	2.20	2.61	
And <sup>1</sup>	76.25	84.70	8.45	2.98	Keats W
Including	80.35	81.05	0.70	15.45	
And <sup>1</sup>	88.75	105.80	17.05	2.55	
Including	102.05	103.00	0.95	11.50	
NFGC-23-1164 <sup>1</sup>	12.55	19.25	6.70	1.56	
And <sup>1</sup>	31.00	36.80	5.80	1.01	Keats W
And <sup>2</sup>	60.00	71.35	11.35	1.15	
NFGC-23-1169 <sup>1</sup>	23.45	27.00	3.55	1.51	Keats W
And <sup>1</sup>	40.00	45.50	5.50	1.05	
And <sup>3</sup>	141.00	143.00	2.00	2.38	
Including	141.65	142.00	0.35	13.20	Keats N
And <sup>2</sup>	203.75	206.00	2.25	3.67	
Including	204.50	205.00	0.50	10.50	

NFGC-23-1171 <sup>1</sup>	29.00	57.65	28.65	5.16	
Including	37.20	38.45	1.25	11.43	Keats W
Including	40.35	43.25	2.90	15.73	
And <sup>1</sup>	61.85	67.00	5.15	1.12	
NFGC-23-1180 <sup>1</sup>	61.95	75.05	13.10	1.58	Keats W
NFGC-23-1189 <sup>2</sup>	53.00	55.40	2.40	3.90	
And <sup>1</sup>	68.00	82.65	14.65	4.02	Keats W
Including	72.00	72.60	0.60	14.55	
Including	82.10	82.65	0.55	38.82	
NFGC-23-1218 <sup>2</sup>	39.85	44.20	4.35	1.99	Keats W
NFGC-23-1265	No Significant Values				Keats W

Table 2: Summary of composite results reported in this press release for Keats West

Note host structures are interpreted to be shallowly dipping and true widths are generally estimated to be <sup>1</sup> 70% to 95% and <sup>2</sup>40% to 70%, of reported intervals. <sup>3</sup>True widths are unknown at this time. Infill veining in secondary structures with multiple orientations crosscutting the primary host structures are commonly observed in drill core which could result in additional uncertainty in true width. Composite intervals reported carry a minimum weighted average of 1 g/t Au diluted over a minimum core length of 2m with a maximum of 4m consecutive dilution. Included high-grade intercepts are reported as any consecutive interval with grades greater than 10 g/t Au. Grades have not been capped in the averaging and intervals are reported as drill thickness.

Hole No.	Azimuth (°)	Dip (°)	Length (m)	UTM E	UTM N	Prospect
NFGC-23-11580	-56	122		658003	5427993	Keats West
NFGC-23-116232	-54	137		657981	5427949	Keats West
NFGC-23-116410	-45	119		658034	5428034	Keats West
NFGC-23-116956	-54	251		658125	5427976	Keats West
NFGC-23-117116	-61	155		657952	5427848	Keats West
NFGC-23-11803	-42	155		657951	5427848	Keats West
NFGC-23-1189324	-60	197		658002	5427820	Keats West
NFGC-23-1218355	-45	81		657895	5428151	Keats West
NFGC-23-1265345	-60	239		658040	5428143	Keats West

Table 3: Details of drill holes reported in this press release

#### Queensway 500,000m Drill Program Update

The Company is currently undertaking a 500,000m drill program at Queensway and approximately 64,400m of core is currently pending assay results.

#### Sampling, Sub-sampling, and Laboratory

Assays are uncut, and composite intervals are calculated using a minimum weighted average of 1 g/t Au diluted over a minimum core length of 2m with a maximum of 4m consecutive dilution. Included high-grade intercepts are reported as any consecutive interval with grades greater than 10 g/t Au.

All drilling recovers HQ core. Drill core is split in half using a diamond saw or a hydraulic splitter for rare intersections with incompetent core.

A geologist examines the drill core and marks out the intervals to be sampled and the cutting line. Sample lengths are mostly 1.0 meter and adjusted to respect lithological and/or mineralogical contacts and isolate narrow (<1.0m) veins or other structures that may yield higher grades.

Technicians saw the core along the defined cutting line. One-half of the core is kept as a witness sample and the other half is submitted for analysis. Individual sample bags are sealed and placed into totes, which are then sealed and marked with the contents.

New Found submits samples for gold determination by fire assay to ALS Canada Ltd. ("ALS") and by photon assay to MSALABS ("MSA") since June 2022. ALS and MSA operate under a commercial contract with New Found.

Drill core samples are shipped to ALS for sample preparation in Sudbury, Ontario, Thunder Bay, Ontario, or Moncton, New Brunswick. ALS is an ISO-17025 accredited laboratory for the fire assay method.

Drill core samples are also submitted to MSA in Val-d'Or, Quebec. MSA operates numerous laboratories worldwide and maintains ISO-17025 accreditation for many metal determination methods. Accreditation of the photon assay method at the MSA Val D'Or laboratory is in progress.

At ALS, the entire sample is crushed to approximately 70% passing 2mm. A 3,000-g split is pulverized. "Routine" samples do not have visible gold (VG) identified and are not within a mineralized zone. Routine samples are assayed for gold by 30-g fire assay with an inductively-couple plasma spectrometry (ICP) finish. If the initial 30-g fire assay gold result is over 1 g/t, the remainder of the 3,000-g split is screened at 106 microns for screened metallics assay. For the screened metallics assay, the entire coarse fraction (sized greater than 106 microns) is fire assayed and two splits of the fine fraction (sized less than 106 microns) are fire assayed. The three assays are combined on a weight-averaged basis. Samples that have VG identified or fall within a mineralized interval are automatically submitted for screened metallic assay for gold.

At MSA, the entire sample is crushed to approximately 70% passing 2mm. For "routine" samples that do not have VG identified and are not within a mineralized zone, the samples are riffle split to fill two 450g jars for photon assay. The assays reported from both jars are combined on a weight-averaged basis. If one of the jars assays greater than 1 g/t, the remaining crushed material is weighed into multiple jars and are submitted for photon assay.

For samples that have VG identified or are within a mineralized zone, the entire crushed sample is weighed into multiple jars and are submitted for photon assay. The assays from all jars are combined on a weight-averaged basis.

All samples prepared at ALS or MSA are also analyzed for a multi-element ICP package (ALS method code ME-ICP61) at ALS Vancouver.

Drill program design, Quality Assurance/Quality Control and interpretation of results are performed by qualified persons employing a rigorous Quality Assurance/Quality Control program consistent with industry best practices. Standards and blanks account for a minimum of 10% of the samples in addition to the laboratory's internal quality assurance programs.

Quality Control data are evaluated on receipt from the laboratories for failures. Appropriate action is taken if assay results for standards and blanks fall outside allowed tolerances. All results stated have passed New

Found's quality control protocols.

New Found's quality control program also includes submission of the second half of the core for approximately 5% of the drilled intervals. In addition, approximately 1% of sample pulps for mineralized samples are submitted for re-analysis to a second ISO-accredited laboratory for check assays.

The Company does not recognize any factors of drilling, sampling or recovery that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the assay data disclosed.

The assay data disclosed in this news release have been verified by the Company's Qualified Person against the original assay certificates.

The Company notes that it has not completed any economic evaluations of its Queensway Project and that the Queensway Project does not have any resources or reserves.

#### Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information disclosed in this press release was reviewed and approved by Greg Matheson, P. Geo., Chief Operating Officer, and a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Matheson consents to the publication of this press release dated May 17, 2023, by New Found. Mr. Matheson certifies that this press release fairly and accurately represents the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for this press release.

#### About New Found Gold Corp.

New Found holds a 100% interest in the Queensway Project, located 15km west of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, and just 18km from Gander International Airport. The project is intersected by the Trans-Canada Highway and has logging roads crosscutting the project, high voltage electric power lines running through the project area, and easy access to a highly skilled workforce. The Company is currently undertaking a 500,000m drill program at Queensway and is well funded for this program with cash and marketable securities of approximately \$60 million as of May 2023.

Please see the Company's website at [www.newfoundgold.ca](http://www.newfoundgold.ca) and the Company's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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