

Northern Gold Stepout Drilling Increases the Strike Length of Mineralization by 25% at its Garrcon Deposit

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TORONTO, ONTARIO -- (Marketwire - Jan. 26, 2012) - [Northern Gold Mining Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: NGM) ("Northern Gold" or "the Company") today announced assay results for six additional diamond drill holes, totalling 2,368 meters of drilling, from its 2011 exploration program at the Garrcon Deposit which is located on the 100% owned Garrison Gold Property, 100 Km east of Timmins, ON.

Highlights reported here from the 2011 program:

from infill holes within the resource footprint:

- 1.0 meters of 84.3 g/tonne
- 1.0 meters of 64.5 g/tonne
- 150.6 meters of 1.24 g/tonne

from stepout holes east of the resource footprint:

- 54.0 meters of 1.18 g/tonne
- 13.3 meters of 4.36 g/tonne
- 0.7 meters of 35.96 g/tonne

As part of the 2011 exploration drill program on the Garrcon Deposit, assay results have been received from three more vertical drill holes (GAR-11-113, GAR-11-114 and GAR-11-115) located in the southern half of the resource footprint established in the NI 43-101 Technical Report by A.C.A. Howe International Limited ("Howe Report") and filed on SEDAR August 8, 2011. These holes were drilled along section line 10+50 W, once again identifying long, up to 421 meters, downhole lengths of gold mineralization above the Howe Report's cutoff grade of 0.3 g/tonne.

Assay results received from the three stepout holes, GAR-11-130, GAR-11-140, and GAR-11-141, east of the Howe Report's resource footprint, extend the known strike length of the Garrcon mineralized deposit another 200 meters eastwards, increasing the length of known mineralization to 1 km. The best intersection in these three holes is 54 meters of 1.16 g/tonne Au. In addition, higher grades were intersected over shorter lengths of downhole mineralization in all three stepout holes.

"Early results from the stepout drilling east of the Howe resource footprint are very exciting to us as they appear to be in similar mineralization to that seen within the NI 43-101 resource", said Martin Shefsky, President and CEO of Northern Gold Mining Inc. "The mineralization reported within the resource and that seen in the stepout drill holes continue to support the potential of the Garrcon geologic model as a large, bulk mineable, open pit deposit."

The significant composite assay intervals in the six holes are outlined below in Table 1.

Table 1 - Assay Results*

Au Au	From	Incl	Incl	To	Interval	g/t	g/t
Hole ID	Zone	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	Un-Cut	Cut
GAR-11-113	Shaft	52.0	66.0	14.0	0.91		
Shaft	213.0	405.0	192.0	0.37			
Shaft	241.0	243.0	2.0	2.57			
Shaft	280.0	281.0	1.0	19.38			
Shaft	307.0	375.0	68.0	0.53			
Shaft	307.0	311.0	4.0	1.06			
Shaft	324.0	5.0	3.32				
GAR-11-114	Shaft	15.0	448.61	421.6	0.69	0.54	
Shaft	194.0	195.0	1.0	84.26	34.00		
Shaft	313.0	463.1	150.61	1.24	1.04		
Shaft	313.0	314.0	1.0	64.53	34.00		
Shaft	342.0	349.0	7.0	1.98			

Shaft 403.0 415.0 12.0 2.87
 GAR-11-115 Shaft 40.9 42.0 1.1 1.13
 Shaft 132.5 133.2 0.7 1.65
 Shaft 268.8 269.3 0.45 12.00
 Shaft 280.0 289.6 9.6 0.51
 Shaft 423.0 427.0 4.0 0.61
 GAR-11-130 Shaft 20.0 74.0 54.0 1.18 1.16
 Shaft 22.7 36.0 13.3 4.36 4.26
 Shaft 22.8 23.4 0.7 35.96 34.00
 Shaft 228.0 229.0 1.0 4.01
 GAR-11-140 Shaft 34.0 3500 1.0 1.29
 Shaft 94.0 101.0 7.0 1.54
 Shaft 136.0 140.0 4.0 2.32
 Shaft 221.0 223.0 2.0 2.87
 GAR-11-141 Shaft 71.0 73.0 2.0 0.81
 Shaft 114.0 116.5 2.5 2.43
 Shaft 168.0 171.0 3.0 0.58
 Shaft 270.0 276.0 6.0 0.37

**True widths are not known because mineralization occurs as multi-directional stockwork veining; therefore, all assay intervals are downhole intervals and not true widths.*

Complete details of these holes in both cross-section and plan can be viewed on the Company's website at: http://www.northerngold.ca/files/Garrcon-Cross_Sections.pdf.

Table 2 - Location and Orientation of Drill Holes

Hole ID	Section Line West	Section Line North	Azimuth (True)
GAR-11-113	10+54 W	9+70 N	Vertical
GAR-11-114	10+50 W	9+23 N	Vertical
GAR-11-115	10+50 W	8+75 N	Vertical
GAR-11-130	6+48 W	10+68 N	150.0
GAR-11-140	4+50 W	9+25 N	158.6
GAR-11-141	5+02 W	9+36 N	173.5

Drill hole GAR-11-115 is a vertical hole that encountered lamprophyre dike for most of its 462 meters to final length. Where the hole encountered metasediments gold grades above 0.3 g/t were intersected over short intervals, but within the lamprophyre grades were either less than 0.05 g/t with numerous assays below the assay detection limit of 0.005 g/t. The Garrcon Deposit remains open on strike to the east and west, to depth and toward the Jonpol East Zone on the north.

Quality Control / Quality Assurance

Northern Gold follows comprehensive, industry standard QA/QC protocols dealing with drilling, core recovery and handling, sampling and assaying. Detailed information about these protocols can be viewed on the Company's website at: <http://www.northerngold.ca/QA-QC.php>.

About Northern Gold Mining:

Northern Gold is a TSX-V listed, publicly traded junior resource company based in Toronto, Ontario, dedicated to the discovery and development of high value mineral deposits in the proven mining camps of Kirkland Lake and Timmins in North Eastern Ontario. Northern Gold is focused on developing two advanced stage gold deposits on its 100% owned Garrison Gold Property. In addition to the advanced stage Jonpol and Garrcon Gold Deposits, both of which have independent NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimates prepared by A.C.A. Howe International Limited (Posted to SEDAR October 21, 2009, November 5, 2010 and August 8, 2011). A Preliminary Economic Assessment is included in the Technical Report posted to SEDAR August 8, 2011. The property hosts several other gold mineralized showings including the less advanced 903 gold mineralized area. The Garrison Gold Property has historical mining infrastructure at both the Jonpol and Garrcon Deposits, and currently producing mines are located near the property.

The technical aspects of this press release have been reviewed by Michael Gross M.S., P. Geo., and Vice-President Exploration for Northern Gold, who is the "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101 for this project.

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