

Northern Gold Continues to Increase the Strike Length of Mineralization at its Garrcon Deposit

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TORONTO, ONTARIO -- (Marketwire) -- 02/07/12 -- [Northern Gold Mining Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: NGM) ('Northern Gold' or the 'Company') today announced gold assay results for eight additional diamond drill holes, totalling 2,800 meters of drilling, from its 2011 exploration program and extending the strike length of known mineralization to 1.1 km on its Garrcon Deposit. Assays results to date are from the total 42,385 meter drilling program in 2011 on the 100% owned Garrison Gold Property, 100km east of Timmins, ON.

Highlights from drill holes reported here:

From infill holes within the resource footprint:

- 47.0 meters of 1.05 g/tonne gold
- Including 10 meters of 1.92 g/tonne gold
- 1.0 meter of 73.35 g/tonne gold
- 11 meters of 2.60 g/tonne gold

From stepout holes east of the resource footprint:

- 52.0 meters of 1.05 g/tonne gold
- Including 1.0 meters of 37.32 g/tonne gold
- 9.0 meters of 1.29 g/tonne gold
- 1.0 meters of 8.83 g/tonne gold

Assay results have been received from three more vertical infill drill holes from the 2011 exploration drilling program on the Garrcon Deposit, (GAR-11-116, GAR-11-117 and GAR- 11-118). These holes are located in the southern half of the resource footprint defined in the NI 43-101 Technical Report by A.C.A. Howe International Limited ('Howe Report') and filed on SEDAR on August 8, 2011. These holes were drilled within a 94 meter interval along section line 10+00 W, continuing to intersect long, up to 418 meters, downhole lengths of gold mineralization with gold contents above the Howe Report's cutoff grade of 0.3 g/tonne used for the Garrcon resource calculation.

Assay results received from the three stepout holes, GAR-11-134A, GAR-11-142, and GAR- 11-143A, show continued intersections of significant gold mineralization east of the Howe Report's resource footprint. GAR-11-142, the easternmost drill hole for which assay results have been received to date, extends the known strike length of the Garrcon mineralization to a total length of 1.1 kilometers. The best intersection in these three holes is 52 meters of 1.05 g/tonne Au. In addition, higher grades were intersected over shorter lengths of downhole mineralization in all three stepout holes.

'Significant mineralization continues to be evident along the easterly strike extension of the Garrcon Deposit, both in terms of down hole length and shorter, higher grade intercepts,' said Martin Shesky, President and CEO of Northern Gold Mining Inc. 'This mineralization continues to advance the Garrcon Deposit towards Northern Gold's goal of developing a resource large enough to justify development of a large, bulk mineable, open pit mine.'

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

Table 1 - Assay Results(i)

Hole ID	Zone	From (m)	Incl (m)	Incl (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au g/t Un-Cut	Au g/t Cut
GAR-11-116	Shaft	38.0			429.0	391.0	0.45	
	Shaft		9.0		11.0	2.0	1.37	
	Shaft		192.0		193.0	1.0	2.34	
	Shaft		345.0		392.0	47.0	1.05	
	Shaft			345.0	355.0	10.0	1.92	
	Shaft			388.0	389.0	1.0	11.27	
	Shaft			424.0	429.0	5.0	1.14	
GAR-11-117	Shaft	281.0			324.0	43.0	0.86	
	Shaft		281.0		292.0	11.0	2.60	
	Shaft			283.0	284.0	1.0	16.03	
GAR-11-118	Shaft	299.0			300.0	1.0	4.83	
	Shaft		443.0		448.0	5.0	1.41	
	Shaft		467.0		468.0	1.0	73.35	34.00
GAR-11-134	Shaft	53.0			54.0	1.0	0.39	
		57.4			58.0	0.6	0.39	
GAR-11-134A	Shaft	53.0			54.0	1.0	13.93	
	Shaft	140.0			192.0	52.0	1.05	0.989
	Shaft		191.0		192.0	1.0	37.32	34.00
GAR-11-142	Shaft	62.0			63.0	1.0	1.61	
	Shaft	126.0			183.0	57.0	0.47	
	Shaft		163.0		172.0	9.0	1.29	
	Shaft			164.0	165.0	1.0	5.29	
	Shaft		182.0		183.0	1.0	2.25	
GAR-11-143	Shaft	0.0			33.0	33.0		
	No Significant assays							
GAR-11-143A	Shaft	82.0			113.0	31.0	0.602	
	Shaft		104.0		105.0	1.0	2.25	
	Shaft		112.0		113.0	1.0	8.83	

(i) 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)	Inclination (degrees)
GAR-11-116	10+00 W	9+48 N	Vertical	-90.0
GAR-11-117	10+02 W	9+04 N	Vertical	-90.0
GAR-11-118	10+03 W	8+54 N	Vertical	-90.0
GAR-11-134	6+48 W	11+68 N	155.7	-45.8
GAR-11-134A	6+48 W	11+69 N	155.7	-45.8
GAR-11-142	4+00 W	9+42 N	161.6	-44.4
GAR-11-143	4+50 W	8+80 N	168.5	-45.4
GAR-11-143A	4+50 W	8+81N	168.5	-45.4

Both drill holes, GAR-11-134 and GAR-11-143 were lost during early drilling. They were offset about one meter and were re-drilled to the originally planned depth. 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 uses comprehensive, industry standard QA/QC protocols for diamond drilling, core recovery, handling, sampling, shipping and assaying. Details of 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 Northeastern 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 (in Technical Reports posted on 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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