

Highvista Gold Inc. Reports on Its First Drill Program at the Alamo Muerto Target at Its Canasta Dorada Gold Project

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TORONTO, Sept. 18, 2012 - [Highvista Gold Inc.](#) ("Highvista" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:HVV) is pleased to report on the results of its first drill program at the Alamo Muerto Target at its 100% owned Canasta Dorada Gold Project, located within the Sonoran Gold Belt, in Sonora State, Mexico.

"We are very pleased with the results from our first drill program at the Alamo Muerto Target," said Rick Adams, President and CEO of Highvista. "This target is large and located along the same structural trend as the neighbouring El Chanate Mine, which is owned and operated by AuRico Gold Inc. Moreover, the mineralization and host rock are similar to that found at El Chanate. We have long believed that the El Chanate mineralization trended onto our concessions, and this new discovery appears to confirm this."

Alamo Muerto Target

The Alamo Muerto target, located approximately 10 kilometres northwest of, and on trend with, AuRico Gold's El Chanate Mine, was originally identified through a reconnaissance surface mapping and sampling program conducted during the third quarter of 2011. A comprehensive surface mapping and sampling program, conducted during the first quarter of 2012, confirmed and expanded upon the results from the initial program. Anomalous gold, silver and copper has been identified over a surface area measuring approximately 1,600 metres by 1,100 metres. A total of 306 channel samples (1,167 kilograms) were collected from surface outcrops and from historic underground workings. Several high grade gold, silver and copper structures were identified within the target area.

This first phase of drilling at Alamo Muerto consisted of three reverse circulation drill holes totaling 376 meters. The holes were drilled over a surface area measuring approximately 100 metres by 100 metres. The deepest hole, CD-12-95, was drilled to a depth of 172 metres at a dip of minus 55 degrees (or 141 metres vertical depth). All three holes intersected the same geological structure, considered by Management to be the extension of the Chanate Fault. The southernmost hole, CD-12-94, intersected anomalous gold/silver mineralization over a 60 metre interval (from 27 metres down the hole). The higher grade section from this hole is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Significant Drill Intercepts for the Alamo Muerto Target

Hole Number	From (metres)	To (metres)	Interval (metres)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Gold Equivalent Grade (g/t)
CD-12-94	27.2	56.2	29.0	0.180	1.6	0.213
including	30.3	47.0	16.7	0.245	2.3	0.292

Note: Intervals shown are hole length (true width of mineralization is unknown at present). Silver/Gold ratio of 50:1 used for gold equivalent grade (metallurgical recoveries are assumed to be 100%).

Mineralization at Alamo Muerto appears to be primarily hosted within a steeply-dipping, quartz-sericite altered sandstone containing fresh pyrite.

"We are excited with the latest drill results at Alamo Muerto," said Rick Adams, President and CEO of Highvista. "We have drilled a 100 metre section of the Chanate Fault extension and have discovered gold/silver mineralization over relatively large intervals, where mineralization and host rock are similar to that found at the neighbouring El Chanate Mine. Our current land package encompasses more than 15 kilometres of this fault extension, most of which has never been drill tested."

Subject to available funding, Highvista intends to complete a twenty hole (3,000 metre) Phase 2 drill program

at Alamo Muerto in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Qualified Person

This press release was reviewed and prepared by Rick Adams, P. Eng., the President, CEO and a Director of the Company, who is recognized as a Qualified Person under the guidelines of National Instrument 43-101.

Quality Control - Sample Preparation, Analysis and Security

All samples were recorded and delivered to the ALS Chemex sample preparation lab in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico by trusted Company personnel or ALS Chemex employees. Pulps of each sample were prepared in Hermosillo and sent to ALS Chemex, Vancouver, Canada, an ISO 9001-2000 certified full service laboratory. Each pulp was analyzed using 30g fire assay for gold with AAS finish (ALS method Au-AA23), and a nitric aqua regia digestion using conventional ICP-AES analysis for an additional 35 elements, including silver (ALS method ME-ICP41). Over limit samples for gold were subject to 30g fire assay with gravimetric finish (ALS code Au-GRA21) and over limit samples for silver were subjected to an aqua regia (HNO₃-HCl) digestion using conventional ICP-AES analysis (ALS code Ag-OG46). Highvista implements an Analytical Quality Assurance Program to control the analytical quality of assays in its exploration work. This program includes the systematic addition of blank samples and certified standards to each batch of samples sent for analysis at commercial laboratories. Blank samples are used to check for possible contamination in laboratories while certified standards determine the analytical accuracy and precision.

Details of quality assurance/quality control procedures for sample preparation, analysis and security are reported in detail in the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") compliant Technical Report filed on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) on September 27, 2011 for the Canasta Dorada Property.

About Highvista

Highvista owns 100% of a Mexican subsidiary that controls the 24,215 hectare Canasta Dorada Gold Project. This project is located in the Sonoran Gold Belt immediately adjacent to AuRico Gold's El Chanate Mine. Details of Highvista's Canasta Dorada Project can be viewed at the Company's website at www.highvistagold.com.

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