

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - May 19, 2015) - Lupaka Gold Corp. ("Lupaka Gold" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE: LPK) (BVL: LPK) (FRANKFURT: LQP) announces that it has commenced underground mining at the Invicta Gold Project, and will initially mine and transport up to 400 tonnes to a local toll process plant for bulk testing.

PLH S.A.C. Mining Contractors, a well-known and highly regarded Peruvian underground mining contractor, completed mobilization and setup at the Invicta site last week, and commenced underground drilling and blasting. Following completion of mining for process testing, PLH will begin underground development of the safety and ventilation infrastructure.

Minera Lucero S.A.C., a private haulage contractor, will commence transport of the mined material in late May to the toll processor. Minera Lucero was also contracted to improve and upgrade the Invicta access roads to accommodate 15-tonne haul trucks. Road improvement construction will continue for the next several months.

The Company has contracted Procesadora Leslie Semanco S.A.C. ("PLS") in Chimbote, Peru to process the Invicta bulk sample to demonstrate recovery, capacity and cost performance. PLS has committed to provide a minimum of 100 tonnes per day ("tpd") of process capacity for the Invicta Gold Project beginning in July 2015 at terms to be negotiated following receipt of the results of the bulk testing. PLS and the Company are also in discussions as to the possibility of constructing an additional process line dedicated to and optimized for milling Invicta material.

The Company has also identified additional permitted process plants closer to the Invicta minesite, and is in negotiations with those plant owners to secure additional milling capacity.

Mr. Eric Edwards, President and CEO of Lupaka Gold commented, "The Company is working on two process fronts. Firstly to secure tolling capacity that performs well and is immediately available to support start-up of the Invicta operation, and secondly to acquire our own permitted plant and optimize it for Invicta material. The results of this initial toll milling campaign should be available in late June."

The Invicta Gold Project contains a poly-metallic resource primarily comprised of gold with accessory copper and, to a lesser degree, lead, silver and zinc. As previously disclosed, the Company intends to commence production at an initial rate of 100 tpd, scaling up to 350 tpd in 2015. Mining operations will initially target some of the highest grade gold and copper mineralization within the Atenea Vein.

#### About Lupaka Gold

Lupaka Gold is a Peru-focused gold explorer and developer with geographic diversification and balance through its interest in asset-based resource projects spread across three regions of Peru.

The Company's 100%-owned Invicta Gold Project is located approximately 120 kilometres by road north of Lima. The resource estimate for Invicta shows a Measured resource of 131,000 tonnes grading 6.65 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold equivalent for 28,000 contained ounces of gold. As well, the Invicta resource estimate shows an Indicated resource of 8,513,000 tonnes grading 3.43 g/t gold equivalent for 939,000 contained ounces of gold and an Inferred resource of 2,534,000 tonnes grading 2.90 g/t gold equivalent for 236,000 contained ounces of gold.

The Company holds an option to earn a 65% interest on the Josnitoro Gold Project from [Hochschild Mining plc](#). The project is located approximately 600 kilometres by road southeast of Lima in the Department of Apurimac, southern Peru. Historical work on the disseminated gold zones includes over 170 shallow drill holes and extensive surface trenching.

Lupaka Gold holds a 100% interest in the Crucero Gold Project, a 5,500 hectare gold property located in southern Peru. Crucero has an indicated mineral resource estimate of 1,003,041 ozs Au contained in 30,919,873 tonnes at 1.02 gpt gold (capped) and an inferred mineral resource estimate of 1,027,806 ozs Au contained in 31,201,648 tonnes at 1.03 gpt gold (capped). These mineral resource estimates have been constrained by a conceptual pit shell in order to confirm reasonable prospects of economic extraction as set out in the CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves and NI 43-101.

#### Qualified Person

The technical information in this document has been reviewed and approved by Julio Castañeda Mondragon, MAIG, the President of Lupaka Gold Peru S.A.C., a Peruvian subsidiary of the Company, and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Castañeda has verified the scientific and technical information, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information or opinions contained in this news release.

The Invicta Gold Project resource estimates referred to in this news release are disclosed in the technical report dated April 16, 2012, titled "Technical Report on Resources, Invicta Gold Project, Huaura Province, Peru", and prepared by SRK Consulting (U.S.)

Inc. which is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under [Lupaka Gold Corp.](#)'s profile.

The Crucero A-1 mineral resource estimates referred to in this news release are disclosed in the technical report with effective date January 17, 2013, amended and re-stated October 22, 2013, titled "Technical Report for the Crucero Property, Carabaya Province, Peru", and prepared by Tetra Tech WEI Inc. and SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. which is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under Lupaka Gold's profile.

#### Cautionary Note Regarding the Invicta Production Decision

The decision to commence production at the Invicta Gold Project and the Company's plans for a mining operation as referenced herein (the "Production Decision and Plans") were based on economic models prepared by the Company in conjunction with management's knowledge of the property and the existing preliminary estimate of measured, indicated and inferred mineral resources on the property. The Production Decision and Plans were not based on a preliminary economic assessment, a pre-feasibility study or a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability. Accordingly, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks of failure associated with the Production Decision and Plans, in particular the risk that mineral grades will be lower than expected, the risk that construction or ongoing mining operations are more difficult or more expensive than expected, the risk that the Company will not be able to transport or sell the mineralized rock it produces to local custom toll mills on the terms it expects, or at all; production and economic variables may vary considerably, due to the absence of a detailed economic and technical analysis according to and in accordance with NI 43-101.

#### Forward Looking Information and Regulatory Endnotes

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities regulations in Canada and the United States (collectively, "forward-looking information"). The forward-looking information contained in this news release is made as of the date of this news release. Except as required under applicable securities legislation, the Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update this forward-looking information. Forward-looking information in this news release includes all of the plans and expectations described above regarding the exploration and development of the Company's properties, including the receipt of permits and approvals and the commencement of planned mining operations at the Invicta Gold Project, the cash anticipated to be generated from such operations, and estimates of mineral resources. Often, but not always, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "projects", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", or "believes", or the negatives thereof or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might", or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. The forward-looking information contained in this news release is based on certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable, including: that supplies, equipment, personnel, permits, required financing and local community approvals required to conduct the Company's planned exploration and development activities will be available on reasonable terms; that the results of exploration activities will be consistent with management's expectations and that the Company will not experience any material accident, labour dispute, or failure of equipment and with respect to the planned mining operations at Invicta; that pre-production mine development can be completed in the time and for the cost projected; that the Company will be able to obtain funding for planned production expenses; that mineralization on the Invicta project will be of the grades and in the locations expected; that the Company will be able to extract and transport mineralized rock efficiently and sell the mineralized rock at the prices and in the manner and quantities expected; that permits will be received on the terms and timeline expected and that other regulatory or permitting issues will not arise; that mining methods can be employed in the manner and at the costs expected and that such methods yield the results the Company expects them to; and that supplies, equipment, personnel, permits and local community approvals required to develop and conduct the planned production will be available on reasonable terms. The Company's assumptions with respect to mineral resource estimates include all of the key assumptions and parameters on which such estimates are based, as described in the technical report referred to in this news release. However, forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, among others: all of the risks described in this news release; the risk that actual results of exploration activities will be different than anticipated; that cost of labour, equipment or materials will increase more than expected; that the future price of gold will decline; that the Canadian dollar will strengthen against the U.S. dollar; that mineral resources are not as estimated; unexpected variations in mineral resources, grade or recovery rates; risks related to shipping mineralized rock; the risk that local mills cannot or will not buy or process mineralized rock from the planned production for the prices expected or at all; risk of accidents, labour disputes and other risks generally associated with mineral exploration; unanticipated delays in obtaining or failure to obtain community, governmental or regulatory approvals or financing; and all of the risks generally associated with the development of mining facilities and the operation of a producing mine, as well as the risks described in the Company's annual information form, which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to not be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information due to the inherent uncertainty thereof.

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