

LONDON, July 28, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Serabi Gold Plc](#) (AIM:SRB, TSX:SBI), the Brazilian focused gold mining and development company, is pleased to provide an operational update for the second quarter of 2015 on its wholly owned Palito and Sao Chico gold operations in the Tapajós region of Para State, Northern Brazil.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gold production for the quarter totaled 8,237 ounces⁽¹⁾; 7,141 ounces from the processing of Palito run of mine ore and surface stockpiles, 783 ounces from Sao Chico ore, with the balance from processing of some of 2014 flotation tailings
- Quarterly Mill production combined for both Palito and Sao Chico ore totalled 33,279 tonnes.
- Quarterly Mine production for Palito and Sao Chico ore totalled 29,052 tonnes @ 9.56 g/t gold, and 2,436 tonnes @ 4.58 g/t gold respectively.
- Quarterly mine development at Palito totalled 1,608 metres, exceeding plan by 6%. At Sao Chico, the quarterly total was 470 metres.
- By the end of the quarter, the first production stope was underway at Sao Chico, with 2,800 tonnes broken and stockpiled in the stope.
- The main ramp at Sao Chico has now reached the next planned development level, 182mRL, with the ore zone intersected as expected in early July
- At the end of the second quarter, surface stockpiles at Palito and Sao Chico totalled 11,392 tonnes @ 3.50 g/t gold.
- By the end of June, over 4,300 metres had been completed of the planned 5,000 metre Sao Chico surface drill programme.
- Current forecast for gold production in 2015 remains at approximately 35,000 ounces with All-In Sustaining Costs ("AISC") of between US\$900 and US\$950 per ounce.

Mike Hodgson, CEO said:

"As we enter the third quarter of 2015, it is very satisfying to report that the second quarter has continued the trend of excellent production results. Overall production was approximately 8,200 ounces⁽¹⁾ of gold, the best production quarter to date from the combined Palito and Sao Chico operations.

"At Palito, we improved on our planned level of mined tonnage and at the same time maintained a mine head grade of 9.56 g/t which is very pleasing. At Sao Chico, mine development continued in line with our plan with the first production stope commencing in June. The second quarter also saw the first lower grade development ore extracted from Sao Chico being transported to the Palito plant and successfully processed. We initially opted to process lower grade whilst testing the production line with full scale production volumes, and we can anticipate an increased contribution to our gold production from Sao Chico in the coming months.

"Also at the Sao Chico Mine we have now completed some 600 metres of development on the first level. This initial development, along with surface and underground drilling, is providing us with a significantly improved understanding of the mineralisation. To date the deposit is, as hoped, displaying some spectacular grades, with some 250 metres of the development, divided in four distinct ore zones, having been in high grade ore. As is the case with most vein mines, drilling alone does not provide the full story and it is the underground 'on-lode' development that ultimately defines the ore blocks.

I am encouraged by the initial results although Sao Chico is proving challenging from the perspective of fully understanding the geology. A significant portion of the planned surface drilling campaign has now been completed although results remain pending for a number of the holes drilled to date. The results from this exploration campaign will be announced in the near future.

"For three consecutive quarters we have been able to demonstrate steady growth in gold production since our declaration of commercial production one year ago, Palito is very much in regime and the next six months will see increasing levels of gold production from Sao Chico. This will be very welcome in what are clearly becoming very challenging times for gold developers and producers.

I anticipate Sao Chico entering commercial production later in the year, and our 2015 production forecast of approximately 35,000 ounces and All-In Sustaining Cost guidance of US\$900-US\$950 per ounce being maintained. I look forward to updating the market on further production increases being achieved over the next six months."

The latest interview with Serabi's Chief Executive, Mike Hodgson can be accessed using the following link
<http://brrmedia.co.uk/event/139822?popup=true>

Results

Total production for the second quarter was 8,237 ounces⁽¹⁾ of gold. During the quarter, gold production was derived from the processing of run of mine ("ROM") ore from the Palito Mine, combined with the Palito surface coarse ore stockpiles, the stockpiled flotation tailings established during Palito mine production in 2014 and the beginning of processing of Sao Chico ROM ore.

Copies of this announcement are available from the Company's website at www.serabigold.com.

Neither the Toronto Stock Exchange, nor any other securities regulatory authority, has approved or disapproved of the contents of this announcement.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following is a glossary of technical terms:

"Au" means gold.

"assay" in economic geology, means to analyze the proportions of metal in a rock or overburden sample; to test an ore or mineral for composition, purity, weight or other properties of commercial interest.

"DNPM" is the Departamento Nacional de Produção Mineral.

"grade" is the concentration of mineral within the host rock typically quoted as grams per tonne (g/t), parts per million (ppm) or parts per billion (ppb).

"g/t" means grams per tonne.

"granodiorite" is an igneous intrusive rock similar to granite.

"igneous" is a rock that has solidified from molten material or magma.

"Intrusive" is a body of igneous rock that invades older rocks.

"mRL" – depth in metres measured relative to a fixed point – in the case of Palito and Sao Chico this is sea-level. The mine entrance at Palito is at 250mRL.

"saprolite" is a weathered or decomposed clay‐rich rock.

"Vein" is a generic term to describe an occurrence of mineralised rock within an area of non-mineralised rock.

Qualified Persons Statement

The scientific and technical information contained within this announcement has been reviewed and approved by Michael Hodgson, a Director of the Company. Mr Hodgson is an Economic Geologist by training with over 26 years' experience in the mining industry. He holds a BSc (Hons) Geology, University of London, a MSc Mining Geology, University of Leicester and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and a Chartered Engineer of the Engineering Council of UK, recognising him as both a Qualified Person for the purposes of Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and by the AIM Guidance Note on Mining and Oil & Gas Companies dated June 2009.

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