

New drilling finds key west-northwest extension to higher grade within Lower Breccia Zone

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jan 13, 2016) - Gold Standard Ventures Corp. (TSX VENTURE:GSV)(NYSE MKT:GSV) ("Gold Standard" or the "Company") today announced assay results from three core holes at the North Bullion deposit on its 100%-owned/controlled Railroad-Pinon Project in Nevada's Carlin Trend. Two of three holes returned significant intercepts that expand the gold mineralization to the northwest. Results are highlighted by 12.4m of 3.53 grams gold per tonne (g Au/t) within a thicker interval of 74.4m of 1.68 g Au/t in hole RR13-13.

Exploration drilling at North Bullion left off at the end of 2013 with intercepts of 98.2m of 3.26 g Au/t (including 17.1m of 9.98 g Au/t in RR13-11 and 73.5m of 3.67 g Au/t (including 12.2m of 6.93 g Au/t) in RR13-08 (see news release dated September 19, 2013). At the end of the 2013 program, a new interpretation of a west-northwest trend to lower zone, higher grade gold mineralization was recognized in multiple data sets including grade x thickness contours, structure contours, gravity and CSAMT.

West-northwest structural zones are an important control for gold mineralization throughout the Carlin Trend. Newmont's Saddle (780,000 oz @ 19.6 g Au/t) and Tess (1.5 Moz @ 12.7 g Au/t) deposits occur along the west-northwest Rain fault, located just 7 km to the north of the North Bullion deposit (Longo, et al., NBMG Bulletin 111, 2002). The 2015 program included four holes (1,052m core and 214m RC) to test west-northwest and north extensions of the lower breccia-hosted gold zone discovered by GSV in 2012. Of these four holes, three (RR11-07, RR13-13, RR13-15) were collared but not completed in 2011 and 2013, and one hole (RR15-01) was an RC collar - core tail hole that was lost before testing its intended target (click the following link for North Bullion Phase 2 drill hole map: <http://goldstandardv.com/nb-2015-drill-hole-map/>).

Mac Jackson, Gold Standard's Vice President of Exploration stated: "The strong alteration and gold intercepts in RR13-13 and RR13-15 confirm the west-northwest trend to lower zone, higher-grade gold at North Bullion. This is an important older, dike-filled structural orientation on the Carlin Trend. North Bullion remains open to both the west-northwest and north as we anticipated."

Jonathan Awde, CEO and Director of Gold Standard commented: "Gold Standard is engaged in the discovery of three significant gold deposits in the Carlin Trend. Much like Pinion and Dark Star, North Bullion continues to get larger with further exploration and drilling. Gold Standard, with the second largest land position in the Carlin Trend and a strong financial position, is discovering a significant gold district in one of the most prolific gold belts in the world. 2016 will be a very exciting year for shareholders."

Key highlights include:

- RR13-13 intersected 12.4m of 3.53 g Au/t within a thicker zone of 74.4m of 1.68 g Au/t. This intercept is approximately 60m north-northwest of RR13-11, a 2013 core hole that intersected 98.2 m of 3.26 g Au/t (see news release dated September 19, 2013). Gold mineralization in both holes is hosted in the lower breccia zone - a flat-tabular, multilithic collapse breccia developed along the contact between silty micrite of the Tripon Pass Formation and underlying calcarenite of the Devils Gate Limestone. The greater than 3 g Au/t mineralization occurs in breccia composed mostly of silty micrite fragments.
- RR13-15 intersected two higher-grade gold zones including 5.5m of 2.57 g Au/t and 5.0m of 3.15 g Au/t within a thicker zone of 18.3m of 2.05 g Au/t. The Lower Breccia Zone intercepts are approximately 122m west of similar intercepts in RR13-11.

The new North Bullion drill results are as follows:

Drill Hole	Method	Azimuth	Incl.	TD (m)	Intercept (m)	Thickness (m)	Grade (g Au/t)
RR13-13	Core	270	-60	475.6	334.7 - 409.1	74.4	1.68
	Including				348.2 - 353.1	4.9	2.98
	Including				367.5 - 379.9	12.4	3.53
					419.5 - 431.7	12.2	0.55
RR13-15	Core		-90	466.5	296.9 - 315.2	18.3	2.05
	Including				300.6 - 306.1	5.5	2.57
	Including				308.4 - 313.4	5.0	3.15
					348.2 - 353.4	5.2	0.41
					361.8 - 364.9	3.1	0.34
RR11-07	Core		-90	453.1	No intercepts > 0.30 g Au/t		
RR15-01	Core	315	-60	255.5	Hole lost before testing the target-no significant intercepts		

** Gold intervals reported in the above table are based on a 0.30 g Au/t (0.009 oz Au/st) cutoff. Weighted averaging has been used to calculate all reported intervals. True widths are estimated at 70-90% of drilled thicknesses. In general, the gold distribution within these large, complex breccia bodies tends to be irregular and will require additional drilling to establish true widths.

Sampling Methodology, Chain of Custody, Quality Control and Quality Assurance:

All sampling was conducted under the supervision of the Company's project geologists and the chain of custody from the drill to the sample preparation facility was continuously monitored. Core was cut at the company's facility in Elko and one half was sent to the lab for analysis and the other half retained in the original core box. A blank or certified reference material was inserted approximately every tenth sample. The samples are delivered to ALS Minerals preparation facility in Elko, where the samples are crushed and pulverized and sample pulps are shipped to ALS Minerals certified laboratory in Vancouver. Pulps are digested and analyzed for gold using fire assay fusion and an atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) finish on a 30 gram split. All other elements are determined by ICP analysis. Data verification of the analytical results includes a statistical analysis of the standards and blanks that must pass certain parameters for acceptance to insure accurate and verifiable results.

The scientific and technical content and interpretations contained in this news release have been reviewed, verified and approved by Steven R. Koehler, Gold Standard's Manager of Projects, BSc. Geology and CPG-10216, a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*.

ABOUT GOLD STANDARD VENTURES - Gold Standard is an advanced stage gold exploration company focused on district scale discoveries in Nevada. The Company's flagship project, the Railroad-Pinion Gold Project, is located within the prolific Carlin Trend. The 2014 Pinion gold deposit acquisition offers Gold Standard a potential near-term development option and further consolidates the Company's premier land package on the Carlin Trend. The Pinion deposit now has an NI43-101 compliant resource estimate consisting of an Indicated Mineral Resource of 20.84 million tonnes grading 0.63 grams per tonne (g/t) gold (Au), totaling 423,000 ounces of gold and an Inferred Resource of 55.93 million tonnes grading 0.57 g/t Au, totaling 1,022,000 ounces of gold, using a cut-off grade of 0.14 g/t Au (announced September 10, 2014). In addition to the Pinion deposit NI43-101 compliant resource estimate, the Dark Star deposit, 2.1 km to the east of Pinion, now has an NI43-101 compliant resource estimate consisting of an Inferred Resource of 23.11 million tonnes grading 0.51 g/t Au, totaling 375,000 ounces of gold, using a cut-off grade of 0.14 g/t Au (announced March 3, 2015).

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Gold Standard,

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