

Merrex Gold First Tranche of Private Placement Closed

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HALIFAX, June 8, 2016 - Greg Isenor, President and CEO of Merrex Gold Inc., ("Merrex" or the "Company") (TSX Venture: MXI) announces:

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Further to the Company's news release of June 3, 2016 the Company has closed the first tranche of the C\$3,512,000 non-brokered unit private placement offering (the "Offering") and issued 15,800,000 units for gross proceeds of C\$3,160,000.

Each unit is comprised of one common share and one share purchase warrant exercisable at \$0.30 per warrant share for a term of 36 months. All securities issued are subject to a four (4) month hold period expiring October 7, 2016.

About Merrex's Siribaya Gold Project

The Siribaya Gold Project is a 50/50 joint Merrex-IAMGOLD advanced-stage gold exploration project in West Mali which consists of 11 contiguous exploration permits which cover a total area of 876.5 square kilometres and is located in the Kedougou-Kenieba inlier of the West African Craton region of western Mali along the borders with Senegal and Guinea.

The Diakha, Siribaya 1B, and Taya Ko deposits are hosted within highly prospective, Birimian-aged metasedimentary, volcanic and intrusive rocks proximal to the Senegal-Mali Shear Zone. At Diakha, gold mineralization occurs within an albitized sandstone similar to [IAMGOLD's](#) Boto gold deposit located approximately 10 kilometres to the north along strike. Zone 1B and Taya Ko occur within the north-northeast trending Siribaya structural trend, which extends over 10 kilometres along strike, and gold mineralization occurs within breccia-hosted stockworks or fault related silicified zones.

During 2014 and 2015 exploration was focussed primarily on the 1.2 km Diakha deposit area which is located along the Fekola-Boto trend in the western-most portion of land package approximately 10 kilometres south along strike of IAMGOLD's Boto gold deposit (scoping and pre-feasibility studies in progress) and approximately 20 kilometres south along strike from B2Gold's Fekola deposit (mine construction commenced).

The 2015 drilling program enabled geological 3D-modeling and completion of an initial NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate. The initial resource (table below) was released February 9, 2016.

siribaya Project - Mineral Resource Estimate*

Classification	Zone	Tonnage Gold Grade Contained Ounces		
		(000s)	(g/t Au)	(Au) (000s)
Indicated	Zone 1B	2,102	1.90	129
Total Indicated		2,102	1.90	129
Inferred	Zone 1B	4,094	1.52	200
Inferred	Taya Ko	882	1.02	29
Inferred				

Diakha

14,840

Total Inferred 19,816 1.71 1,092

Notes:

1. CIM definitions were followed for classification of Mineral Resources.
2. Cut-off grades range from 0.45 to 0.60 g/t Au and vary by weathering material type.
3. Mineral Resources are estimated using a gold price of US\$1,500 per ounce.
4. Bulk density varies from 1.55 g/cm³ to 2.63 g/cm³ based on deposit and weathering code.
5. The resources are constrained by a Whittle optimized pit shell.
6. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
7. Assays are capped prior to compositing. Capping levels reduced the resource estimate gold grade

of Diakha by approximately 12%, and of Zone 1B and Taya Ko by approximately 4%.

*The resource estimate was prepared by RPA Inc. and is as at December 31, 2015. Readers are referred to Merrex news release of February 9, 2016 and the complete NI43-101 Technical Report filed on SEDAR January 25, 2016.

>The 2016 drill program of approximately 17,500 metres includes 7000m of Diamond Drilling ("DD"), 6500m of Reverse Circulation ("RC") drilling, 3000m of Air Core ("AC") drilling and 1000m of Auger drilling. The 2016 drilling program is focusing on deeper DD core drilling to test high-grade (>6 g/t Au targets) near the bottom of the optimized pit shell of the Diakha resource area and a combination of DD and RC drilling to extend the Diakha mineralized zone within the interpreted northern extension of the Diakha deposit along the 800 metre strike length of newly permitted area. (See also news release May 4, 2016.)

Qualified Person

Greg Isenor, P.Geo., President of Merrex Gold and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the contents of this release.

The mineral resource estimate referred to above, including verification of the data disclosed, is at December 31, 2015, was prepared by RPA Inc. and reported in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 (NI43-101) requirements and CIM Estimation Best Practice Guidelines. The supporting NI 43-101 Technical Report is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website at www.merrexgold.com.

Merrex is primarily a West African focused gold exploration company with experienced management, a solid exploration team, a prominent gold-producer as a JV partner and an expanding gold resource.

For further details about the Company's exploration activities visit Merrex's website at www.merrexgold.com. To be added to Merrex's email contact list please email your request to info@merrexgold.com.

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