

# Falco Announces Positive Feasibility Study Results on Horne 5 Gold Project

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- Top Quartile Project at All-In Sustaining Costs of US\$399/oz Au, net of By-Product Credits
- All-In Cost (CAPEX plus OPEX) at US\$643/oz Au
- Annual Payable Gold Production of 219,000 Ounces for 15 Years
- After-Tax IRR of 15.3%

Falco Resources (TSX VENTURE: FPC) ("Falco" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the results of a feasibility study ("Feasibility Study") prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") for the Company's Horne 5 Project ("Horne 5 Project" or the "Project") located in Rouyn-Noranda, QuÃ©bec, Canada. *Unless otherwise stated, all dollar amounts are quoted in U.S. dollars ("\$").*

The Feasibility Study indicates that the Horne 5 Project represents a robust, high margin, fifteen year underground mine with attractive economics in the current gold price environment. The Feasibility Study was prepared by BBA Inc., under the direction of Mr. Luc Lessard, P. Eng., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and its Vice-Presidents Mr. Francois Vezina, P. Eng., Christian Laroche, P. Eng., and Mrs. HÃ©lÃ©ne Cartier, P. Eng. LLB, the Osisko Gold Royalty team, and included contributions from the geological and engineering teams at BBA Inc., InnovExplo Inc., Golder Associates WSP Canada Inc., SNC-Lavalin Stavibel Inc., and IngÃ©nierie RIVVAL Inc. At a gold price of \$1,300/oz and using an exchange rate of C\$1.00 = US\$0.78, the Feasibility Study shows that the Horne 5 Project would generate an after-tax net present value ("NPV"), at a 5% discount rate, of \$602 million and an internal rate of return ("IRR") of 15.3% after-tax. In this scenario, the Horne 5 Project could become the next significant gold producer in QuÃ©bec, with a production profile averaging 219,000 payable ounces over the life of mine, with an all-in sustaining cash cost of \$399 per ounce net of by-product credits and all-in cost, CAPEX plus OPEX, estimated at \$643 per ounce. The Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") study, which has been initiated by BBA Inc., is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Mr. Luc Lessard, Falco's President and Chief Executive Officer commented: "We are very pleased with the results of the Feasibility Study on the Horne 5 Project, which demonstrates the robust economics of bringing this world-class deposit back into production. The Feasibility Study firmly establishes the Horne 5 Project as one of the best undeveloped gold projects by value and economics in today's gold-price environment. The Feasibility Study envisions a state-of-the-art operation with a high level of automation. The Horne 5 Project benefits from being situated in one of the world's best mining jurisdictions, where a high level of underground mining expertise is readily available. We believe our advantageous location and the availability of existing infrastructure have the potential to positively impact the long term viability of the Horne 5 Project."

The realized Project would have a significant impact on the Abitibi-TÃ©miscamingue region, with the potential of generating \$6.6 billion of gross revenue and contributing approximately 500 permanent, well remunerated jobs.

## FEASIBILITY STUDY HIGHLIGHTS

*BASE CASE IS STATED USING GOLD PRICE OF \$1,300 PER OUNCE, SILVER PRICE OF \$19.50 PER OUNCE, COPPER PRICE OF \$3.00 PER POUND, ZINC PRICE OF \$1.10 PER POUND AND AN EXCHANGE RATE OF C\$1.00 equal to US\$0.78*

- NPV of \$1,012 million at a 5% discount rate and an IRR of 18.9% before taxes and mining duties;
- NPV of \$602 million at a 5% discount rate and an IRR of 15.3% after taxes and mining duties;
- Mine life of 15 years, with peak-year payable production of 268,000 ounces, average life-of-mine ("LOM") annual production of 219,000 ounces of gold and 235,000 ounces at steady-state;
- Net payable gold recovery of 88.1%;
- 3,741,000 ounces of contained gold;
- 3,294,000 ounces of payable gold LOM;
- 1,007 million pounds of payable zinc LOM;
- 229 million pounds of payable copper LOM;
- 26.3 million ounces of payable silver LOM;
- 80,897,000 tonnes total ore material mined;
- 2.37 g/t AuEq average diluted gold equivalent grade;
- 1.44 g/t Au average diluted gold grade;
- All-in Sustaining Costs\* of \$399/oz net of by-product credits, including royalties, over LOM;
- All-in cost, CAPEX plus OPEX, is estimated at \$643 per payable ounce;
- C\$41.00 per tonne milled total unit operating cost;
- Pre-Production Construction costs of \$801.7 million, including a \$58.5 million contingency and excluding \$26.7 million capital outlays to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017;

- Payback period of 5.2 years pre-tax and 5.6 years post-tax;
- Gross revenue of \$6.6 billion and operating cash flow of \$2.7 billion LOM;
- Process plant commissioning in first half of 2021;
- Full mine production in first half of 2022.

*\*All-in Sustaining Costs are presented as defined by the World Gold Council less Corporate G&A*

#### SUMMARY ECONOMICS AT \$1,300 GOLD PER OZ

Total LOM NSR Revenue (\$M)	\$6,617.4
Total LOM Operating Cash Flow (\$M)	\$2,691.7
Total LOM Pre-Tax Cash Flow (\$M)	\$2,162.4
Average Annual Pre-Tax Cash Flow (\$M)	\$205.4
LOM Income Taxes (\$M)	\$784.7
Total LOM After-Tax Free Cash Flow (\$M)	\$1,377.7
Average Annual After-Tax Free Cash Flow (\$M)	\$146.1
Discount Rate	5%
Pre-Tax NPV 5% (\$M)	\$1,012
After-Tax NPV 5% (\$M)	\$602
Pre-Tax IRR	18.9%
After-Tax IRR	15.3%
Pre-Tax Payback (Years)	5.2
After-Tax Payback (Years)	5.6

#### ALL-IN CASH COSTS, INCLUDING SUSTAINING CAPEX

Mining Cost (\$M)	\$795.3
Processing Cost (\$M)	\$1,290.3
Tailings & Water Management (\$M)	\$320.8
General & Administrative Cost (\$M)	\$180.5
Refining & Smelting (\$M)	\$493.5
Royalties (\$M)	\$122.5
By-Product Credit (\$M)	(\$2,337.9)
Cash Cost (\$/oz)	\$260
Sustaining (\$M)	\$417.6
Closure (\$M) (net of salvage value)	\$32.9
TOTAL (\$M)	\$1,315.4
All-in Cash + Sustaining Cost (\$/oz)	\$399

#### SENSITIVITIES

##### BASE CASE IN BOLD

<i>Gold Price US\$/oz</i>	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,250	\$1,300	\$1,400	\$1,500	\$1,600
Pre-Tax NPV 5% \$M	\$631	\$822	\$917	\$1,012	\$1,202	\$1,392	\$1,582
After-Tax NPV 5% \$M	\$365	\$485	\$544	\$602	\$718	\$831	\$944
Pre-Tax IRR	14.2%	16.6%	17.7%	18.9%	21.0%	23.1%	25.1%
After-Tax IRR	11.6%	13.5%	14.4%	15.3%	17.1%	18.7%	20.3%
Pre-Tax Payback Years	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.3	4.0
After-Tax Payback Years	6.8	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.5
<i>FX: C\$1.00: US\$</i>	\$0.87	\$0.84	\$0.81	\$0.78	\$0.75	\$0.72	\$0.69
Pre-Tax NPV 5% \$M	\$644	\$758	\$880	\$1,012	\$1,154	\$1,308	\$1,475
After-Tax NPV 5% \$M	\$373	\$446	\$522	\$602	\$689	\$781	\$881
Pre-Tax IRR	14.4%	15.8%	17.3%	18.9%	20.5%	22.2%	24.0%
After-Tax IRR	11.7%	12.9%	14.1%	15.3%	16.7%	18.0%	19.4%
Pre-Tax Payback Years	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.2
After-Tax Payback Years	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.6	5.3	4.9	4.6

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE VALUE

Although Falco considers the Feasibility Study results using the base case to be excellent, future trade-off studies are anticipated to evaluate alternate development scenarios that would be used to reduce the initial capital requirements and increase revenue in the early stage of the LOM. Items to be reviewed include: (1) the significant exploration potential for discoveries at depth and around the Horne 5 Project, and the possibility to increase resources and extend mine life as further definition drilling may convert some of the existing Inferred mineral resources to the Indicated or Measured mineral resource categories; (2) determining whether larger underground stopes can be implemented through continued geotechnical investigations, simulations and detailed mining studies; (3) determining whether the leach and carbon in pulp ("CIP") circuits in the process plant should be replaced by carbon in leach ("CIL") circuits, for which a trade-off study is recommended to select the circuit that has the best overall economics; and (4) determining whether the application of pre-assembled steel structures, pre-cast foundations and pre-fabricated buildings can reduce capital costs and shorten the on-site construction period.

## FEASIBILITY STUDY DETAILS

### CONTRIBUTORS

The independent Feasibility Study was prepared through the collaboration of a number of industry-recognized consulting firms including BBA Inc. ("BBA", Montreal, QC), Golder Associates Ltd. ("Golder", Montreal, QC), InnovExplo Inc. ("InnovExplo", Rouyn-Noranda, QC), WSP Canada Inc. ("WSP", Rouyn-Noranda, QC), SNC-Lavalin Stavibel Inc. ("SNC-Lavalin", Rouyn-Noranda, QC), and Ingénierie RIVVAL Inc. ("RIVVAL", Deux-Montagnes, QC). These firms provided mineral resource estimates, design and cost estimates for mine operations, processing facilities, major equipment selection, waste and tailings storage, reclamation, permitting, operating and capital expenditures. A summary of contributors to the Feasibility Study is included in the table below.

#### Consulting Firm or Entity Area of Responsibility

BBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Metallurgical testwork analysis, processing plant design;</li> <li>- Process plant capital costs and operating costs;</li> <li>- Electrical and IT infrastructure design and costs (supply and on-site);</li> <li>- Market studies and contracts;</li> <li>- General and administration operating costs;</li> <li>- Financial Analysis and overall NI 43-101 integration.</li> </ul>
InnovExplo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current and historical geology, exploration, drilling, sample preparation and QA/QC, and design;</li> <li>- Geological modelling and mineral resource estimate;</li> <li>- Mineral reserves estimate;</li> <li>- Underground mine design, underground infrastructure and material handling, ventilation, scheduling, underground capital costs and operating costs, void evaluation;</li> <li>- Historical data review.</li> </ul>
Golder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waste rock, tailings, mineralization and water geochemical characterization;</li> <li>- Water treatment plant design, capital and operating costs;</li> <li>- Underground high density sludge, slurry and paste backfill and slurry tailings distribution system design and costs;</li> <li>- Surface tailings and waste rock management facility and water management designs and closure costs;</li> <li>- Surface tailings, reclaim and fresh water transport system design and costs;</li> <li>- Mine site water management infrastructure design and costs;</li> <li>- Rock mass characterization and rock mechanics input to underground mine design and design;</li> <li>- Hydrogeology input to underground mine design;</li> <li>- Geotechnical input for the surface infrastructure design.</li> </ul>
WSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental studies, permitting, mine closure requirements and Horne 5 Mining Complex design;</li> <li>- Regulatory context, social considerations, and anticipated environmental issues;</li> <li>- Headframe and hoist room design and costs;</li> <li>- Shaft design and associated underground work and costs;</li> <li>- Ore handling system from underground mine (phase 1) to surface stockpile, design and costs;</li> <li>- Paste backfill plant design, capital and operating costs.</li> </ul>
SNC-Lavalin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Existing infrastructure, municipal infrastructure and relocation, design and costs;</li> <li>- Site access road, security gate and light vehicle road design and costs;</li> <li>- First-aid and emergency services, costs;</li> <li>- Site utilities design and costs.</li> </ul>
RIVVAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Railway engineering design and costing.</li> </ul>

### MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

The mineral resources presented in the Feasibility Study are based upon an updated mineral resource estimate (the "current MRE") effective as of July 25, 2017, prepared by Carl Pelletier, P.Geo, using available information. The main objective was to update the previous NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate for the Horne 5 deposit, which was prepared by InnovExplo and published in a report titled "Technical Report and Updated Mineral Resource Estimate for the Horne No. 5 Deposit", dated November 7, 2016 (Pelletier et al., 2016) (the "November 2016 MRE").

The current MRE is mainly based on changes made to the NSR parameters, supported by new assumptions concerning prices and net recoveries. Three additional DDH and 41 updated downhole surveys from the 2015-2016 confirmation drilling program were also used in the current MRE. No changes to the interpretation were deemed necessary. The mineral resource model for the current MRE is based largely upon the model generated for the November 2016 MRE (Pelletier et al., 2016).

The current MRE is compliant with CIM standards and guidelines for reporting mineral resources and reserves. The selected cut-off of 55\$/t allowed the mineral potential of the deposit to be outlined for an underground mining option. While the resource is presented undiluted and in situ, the reported mineral resources are considered by the QP, as defined below, to have reasonable prospects for economic extraction.

The results of the current MRE at the base case cut-off of \$55 NSR are presented in the table below. InnovExplo estimates the Horne 5 deposit contains, based on an NSR cut-off of 55\$/t, Measured Mineral Resources of 9,259,600 tonnes at 2.59 g/t Au (gold equivalent) for a total of 769,885 oz AuEq, Indicated Mineral Resources of 81,855,200 tonnes at 2.56 g/t AuEq for a total of 6,731,443 oz AuEq, and Inferred Mineral Resources of 21,500,400 tonnes at 2.51 g/t AuEq, for a total of 1,735,711 oz AuEq.

Mineral Resources Table<sup>(1)</sup>

Resource Category	Tonnes (Mt)	AuEq (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Contained AuEq (Moz)	Contained Au (Moz)	Contained Ag (Moz)	Contained Cu (Mlbs)	Contained Zn (Mlbs)
Measured	9.3	2.59	1.58	16.2	0.19	0.83	0.770	0.470	4.824	38.0	168.5
Indicated	81.9	2.56	1.55	14.74	0.18	0.89	6.731	4.070	38.796	325.4	1,599.3
Inferred	21.5	2.51	1.44	23.04	0.20	0.71	1.736	1.000	15.925	96.3	337.2

(1)Please refer to the Mineral Resources Notes below.

## MINERAL RESERVE ESTIMATE

The Mineral Reserves estimate for the Horne 5 Project was prepared by Mr. Patrick Frenette, P. Eng., an employee of InnovExplo Inc. (effective as of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017). The Mineral Reserves estimate stated herein is consistent with the CIM Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves and is suitable for public reporting. As such, the Mineral Reserves are based on Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources, and do not include any Inferred Mineral Resources. Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources are inclusive of Proven and Probable reserves.

The Feasibility Study LOM and Mineral Reserves estimate were developed from the November 2016 MRE and do not include the current MRE. Updated metal prices, exchange rates and recovery equations from the current MRE were used to calculate the cash flows used to support the Mineral Reserve estimate. As of the date of this report, the QP, as defined below, has not identified any risks, legal, political or environmental, that would materially affect potential development of the Mineral Reserves other than the third party approval previously mentioned.

### Statement of mineral reserves (as of August 26, 2017)

Category	Tonnes (Mt)	NSR (\$)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)
Proven	8.4	91.72	1.41	15.75	0.17	0.75
Probable	72.5	92.56	1.44	13.98	0.17	0.78
P&P	80.9	92.41	1.44	14.14	0.17	0.77

1. The QP, as defined below, for the Mineral Reserve estimate is Mr. Patrick Frenette (InnovExplo).
2. Estimated at \$2.15/lb Cu, \$1.00/lb Zn, \$1,300/oz Au and \$18.50/oz Ag, using an exchange rate of C\$1.00:US\$0.75. The NSR value of C\$55.00/t. Metallurgical recoveries and other parameters for the November 2016 MRE are shown in the Feasibility Study.

3. Mineral Reserve tonnage and mined metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate and number add due to rounding.
4. Mineral Reserves presented include both internal and external dilution along with mining recovery. The external dilution is estimated to be 2.3%. The mining recovery factor was set at 95% to account for mineralized material left in the mine deposit in each block.

#### CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS SUMMARY

Capital Costs (\$M)	Pre-Production	Sustaining	Total <sup>(1)</sup>
Mining (includes development contingency)	\$200.4	\$253.6	\$454.0
Mineral Processing Plant	\$296.0	\$10.2	\$306.1
Electrical and Communication	\$14.2	\$1.8	\$16.0
Project Infrastructure	\$76.9	\$3.7	\$80.6
Tailings and Water Management	\$53.0	\$148.4	\$201.4
Indirects	\$65.9	--	\$65.9
Owner's Costs	\$36.8	--	\$36.8
Site restoration (net of salvage value)	--	\$32.9	\$32.9
Subtotal	\$743.2	\$450.5	\$1,193.7
Contingency	\$58.5	--	\$58.5
Total Capital Costs <sup>(2)</sup>	\$801.7	\$450.5	\$1,252.2
Capital Cost per Payable Oz Au (\$/oz)	\$243		
CAPEX per Oz (\$/oz)	\$243		
OPEX per Oz (\$/oz)	\$399		
All-In Cost per Oz (\$/oz)	\$643		

<sup>(1)</sup> Totals may differ due to rounding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes \$26.7 million in outlays to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (sunk costs).

Operating Costs	C\$/t Milled
- Mining	C\$12.60
- Processing	C\$20.45
- Tailings & Water Management	C\$5.08
- General & Administration	C\$2.86
Total Operating Costs	C\$41.00

#### MINING

The underground deposit is located at a depth of approximately 600 metres to 2,300 metres below surface. The existing #2 shaft, which extends to a depth of approximately 1,200 metres, would need to be rehabilitated. The shaft would provide hoisting of mineralized material and waste, services personnel and materials, and the supply of ventilation to the underground workings in development stage. As previously stated, the access to and use of the QuÃ©mont #2 shaft by Falco is contingent on entering into a license agreement with the owner of such infrastructure.

The mine has been designed to have low operating costs through the use of large, modern equipment, gravity transport of mineralized material through raises, shaft hoisting, minimal mineralized material and waste re-handling, and high production mining methods. The mine is designed to employ state-of-the-art technology. Highly automated and using remote controlled equipment, the mine would be able to operate 21-tonne loaders to transport muck to the ore pass systems. The underground crushing facility would be fed by two ore pass systems. The crushed mineralized material would then be transported via 250-metre conveyors and transferred to a 600-metre conveyor leading to the shaft loading point, where it would be hoisted to surface using 43.5-tonne skips on a continuous basis. For servicing the mine, the shaft would have a double-deck service cage 2.4 metres by 4.0 metres and a double-deck auxiliary cage. Paste backfill would be used to fill the extracted stopes and maintain the stability of the adjacent stopes and avoid or minimize dilution.

The Company expects to use transverse long hole as the primary mining method and will favor the minimization of dilution to maximize mineral resource recovery. The Company believes that the mineral resource dilution will be below 3%.

#### PROCESSING

A Semi-Autogenous-Ball milling ("SAB") facility on surface will be used to process an average of 15,790 tonnes per day of mineralized material at steady-state. The facility would also include a flotation and thickening section, divided in three circuits and dedicated to recovering copper, zinc and pyrite concentrates. The copper and zinc circuits would have their concentrate filtered to reduce humidity to 9%. Both concentrates would be stored directly in trucks and railcars, awaiting shipment. The pyrite concentrate will require a finer liberation to achieve improved gold recovery by cyanide leaching, resulting in the requirement to regrind from the primary grind size of 55 microns to the targeted P<sub>80</sub> of 12 microns. The resulting reground pyrite concentrate would then be leached along with the pyrite flotation tailings in separate leaching circuits, followed by CIP circuits. Thickeners would be used to maximize water and cyanide recovery, and the Caro's acid cyanide destruction method would be applied to reduce the cyanide content of the two leach streams. Both pyrite tailings and pyrite concentrate streams from flotation would be used as paste backfill in the new mine workings; excess volumes will be disposed of in existing historical openings, until the old mine openings are filled. Water liberated in the underground workings from the consolidated tailings would be recovered, recycled and pumped back to the process plant.

Gold, zinc, copper and silver metal would be recovered. The process plant would produce two concentrates and doré. The copper concentrate would have an estimated 16% copper content as well as payable gold and silver, and the zinc concentrate would have an estimated 52% zinc content. No precious metal will be payable in the zinc concentrate. The payable gold is estimated to average 88.1% over the LOM and estimated payable recoveries average 75.8% for copper, 72.9% for zinc and 88.1% for silver. Copper and zinc concentrates have been analyzed and are considered to be free of deleterious elements and are expected to be readily marketable to both smelters and traders.

The process plant facility would include a wet laboratory, mill offices, a mill dry and a maintenance shop.

## SURFACE INFRASTRUCTURE

The Horne 5 Project, located within the industrial park and former mine infrastructure (Quemont and Horne Mines) of the Rouyn-Noranda, Québec, a mining community of over 41,500 people, benefits from great infrastructure. As important physical infrastructure in the Rouyn-Noranda region is the high level of underground mining expertise that is readily available in the region. The Company believes its advantageous location has the potential to positively impact the long term viability and attractiveness of employment at the Horne 5 Project, given that employees and contractors could work in the community, a rare opportunity in the mining industry.

The Horne 5 Project is located 1.1 km from route 101 and 4.0 km of the Trans-Canada Highway, with all services readily available at site. The Horne 5 Project is also located less than 700 meters from the operating Horne custom copper smelter, which can accept both copper concentrates and precious metal-bearing recyclable materials as its feedstock to produce 99.1% copper anode. Development of the future mine would be done on the former Quemont mine site, the surface rights for which were acquired by Falco. Acquisition of land adjacent to the currently proposed mine site would likely be necessary for some of the new infrastructure. Electric power would be supplied to the site at a voltage level of 120 kV, originating from the nearby Hydro-Québec, Rouyn-Noranda substation, approximately 1 km away.

The Horne 5 Project envisions the following key infrastructure items to support the mine to be constructed: site access road, parking area, process plant and paste backfill plant, maintenance shop and warehouse, mine office building and dry, acid storage building, headframe and shaft house, hoist room, 120kV sub-station and railway spur lines and storage area.

As previously stated, the access to and use by Falco of surface rights and infrastructure not owned by it may, in some cases, be contingent upon entering into a license agreement with the owner of such surface rights. The conduct of activities on the Horne 5 Project, including pre-production dewatering activities, will be subject to Falco securing licenses from the owner of such infrastructure, some of which are located on the mining concession CM-243, the ownership of which remains with a third party.

Indirect costs such as owner's costs; engineering, procurement and construction management; temporary facilities for construction; freight for process and major electrical equipment; pre-operational verifications; commissioning support; vendor representation; capital spares; one year operating spares; commissioning spares; first fills; and temporary power for construction are estimated at \$102.7 million. An additional \$58.5 million has been budgeted as contingency for specific direct and indirect costs.

## ENVIRONMENT AND SITE RESTORATION

Environmental baseline studies were initiated in 2016 and have continued throughout 2017 to support the permitting process.

the project timeline.

The Horne 5 Project will require a provincial decree and federal authorisations. The project is subject to a provincial impact assessment, including public hearings, as forecasted production is over the 2,000 tonnes per day threshold outlined in applicable regulation. The Project will also be subject to a federal impact assessment study. The Company has already submitted an application for a certificate of authorization under Sections 22 and 31.75 of the Environmental Quality Act to be issued by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change, to support the dewatering and management strategy.

During the dewatering stage, which is expected to last 25 months, high density sludge from the water treatment will be used in old Donalda and Quemont underground mine openings. Tailings produced during the operations will be stored in old underground openings either in the form of slurry or paste backfill during the first two years of operations. Paste backfill will continue to be produced throughout the entire life of mine. The remainder of the tailings produced will be stored at surface in a tailings management facility. The Company has identified an old tailings management facility located at approximately 11 km from the center of Rouyn-Noranda, a site already impacted by historical mining activities, to serve for the surface storage of tailings for the Project. Discussions for the acquisition of the site are ongoing. Two pipelines, 18 km in length, will transport the tailings from the Quemont site to the surface tailings management facility. Waste rock that is not used for underground mining operations will be used as construction material at the tailings management facility.

A closure and rehabilitation plan for the sites has been developed in accordance with the Mining Act of Québec. Site restoration costs were estimated at \$68 million, less \$35.1 million of equipment salvage value, resulting in a restoration cost (net of salvage value) of \$32.9M. The site restoration cost estimate for the Horne 5 Project is based on the dismantling of the mine buildings and the restoration of the tailings management facilities. The Company intends to dismantle all buildings that would have served the mining operations. Given the proximity of the site to the city and the existence of very little infrastructure of this type in Rouyn-Noranda, these buildings could be reused or modified for other uses. This cost estimate includes the cost of site restoration as well as post-closure monitoring. In accordance with the regulations, the Company intends to post a bond as a guarantee for the site restoration cost.

The conduct of the foregoing activities remains subject to Falco obtaining the required licenses from the owner of the infrastructure. For greater certainty, such license will include a complete indemnity relating to the restoration and rehabilitation of such infrastructure.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Company is committed to taking a proactive approach to its public consultation process and has been working diligently to identify as many stakeholders as possible in the Rouyn-Noranda and Abitibi region. Over the past 36 months more than 100 meetings and public community meetings have been held with various stakeholders.

Based upon our numerous community meetings held throughout the region, there is strong community support for the Horne 5 Project. Development of the mine would bring substantial economic development to the City of Rouyn-Noranda and the surrounding region. A construction workforce of 800 people would be created at the peak of an 18-month construction period. The mine would provide direct employment for approximately 500 people over its 15-year operating life.

The Company remains committed to working with the citizens of Rouyn-Noranda to build a plan for the Horne 5 Project that maximizes benefits for the community, the Company's shareholders and other stakeholder groups.

## PROJECTED TIMELINE

1. An EIA is scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter of 2017.
2. Permitting activities would be initiated following the completion of the EIA to support a 2019 construction start.
3. Process plant commissioning in first half of 2021.
4. Full mine production in first half of 2022.

Falco notes that the activities contemplated above, and the estimated timing proposed for commencement and completion of activities, is subject at all times to matters that are not within the exclusive control of Falco. These factors include the ability to obtain, and to obtain on terms acceptable to Falco, financing, governmental and other third party approvals, licenses, rights and surface rights.



## ROYALTIES AND RIGHTS

Glencore Canada Corporation retains a 2% NSR on all metals produced from the Horne 5 Project. Glencore Canada Corporation also has rights of first refusal with respect to purchase or toll process all or any portion of the concentrates and other metal products from the Horne 5 Project.

## TITLE TO PROPERTY AND THIRD PARTY APPROVALS

Pursuant to an agreement between Falco and a third party, Falco owns rights to the minerals located below 200 meters surface of mining concession CM-156PTB, where the Horne 5 deposit is located. Falco also owns certain surface rights surrounding the Qu'Appelle #2 shaft located on mining concession CM-243. Under the agreement, ownership of the mining concessions remains with the third party.

In order to access the Horne 5 Project, the Company must obtain one or more licenses from the third party, which may be unreasonably withheld, but which may be subject to conditions that the third party may require in its sole discretion. The conditions may include the provision of a performance bond or other assurance to the third party and the indemnification of the third party by the Company. The agreement with the third party stipulates, among other things, that a license shall be subject to reasonable conditions which may include, among other things, that activities at Horne 5 will be subordinated to the current use of the surface lands and subject to priority, as established in such party's sole discretion, over such activities. Any license shall also provide for, among other things, access to and the right to use the infrastructure owned by the third party, including the Qu'Appelle #2 shaft (located on mining concession CM-243) and some specific underground infrastructure in the former Quemont and Horne 5 areas.

Furthermore, Falco will also have to acquire a number of rights of way or other surface rights in order to construct and install underground the pipeline that will carry the tailings to a tailings management facility located at approximately 11 km from the Rouyn-Noranda.

While the Company believes that it should be able to timely obtain the licenses from the third party, and to acquire the necessary rights of way and other surface rights, there can be no assurance that any such license, right of way or surface right will be obtained or if granted will be on terms acceptable to the Company and in a timely manner.

Although Falco believes that it has taken reasonable measures to ensure proper title to its assets, there is no guarantee that any of its assets will not be challenged or impugned.

## INDEPENDENT QUALIFIED PERSONS

The Feasibility Study was prepared for Falco under the direction of BBA Inc., by leading independent industry consultants who are qualified persons ("QP") under National Instrument 43-101. The QPs have reviewed and approved the content of this news release. Independent QPs from BBA, InnovExplo, Golder, WSP, SNC-Lavalin and RIVVAL who have prepared or supervised the preparation of the technical information relating to the Feasibility Study include:

- Colin Hardie, Pierre Lacombe (BBA);
- Carl Pelletier, Patrick Frenette, Geneviève Auger (InnovExplo);
- Michel Mailloux, Valerie Bertrand, Mayana Kissiova, Rob Bewick, Michael Bratty, Yves Boulianne, Janis Drozdial, Jean-François Ouellet (Golder);
- Marie-Claude Dion St.-Pierre, Claire Hayek, Dominick Turgeon, Stéphane Lance (WSP);
- Luc Gaulin (SNC-Lavalin);
- Yves Vallières (RIVVAL).

The Company's disclosure of technical or scientific information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Jean-François Lessard, P. Eng., President and Chief Executive Officer of [Falco Resources Ltd.](#), who serves as a QP under the definition of a QP in National Instrument 43-101.

## CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS

Furthermore, Falco will be hosting a conference call to discuss the results on Monday, October 16 at 10:00 Eastern time. For more information, please contact the Falco Executive and Technical team.

Participants may join the call by dialing:

*Operator Assisted Toll-Free Dial-In Number: (877) 223-4471*

*Participant International Dial-In Number: (647) 788-4922*

A recorded playback of the call will be available two hours after the call's completion until October 23, 2017 by dialing (800) 585-8367 or (416) 621-4642 and entering the conference ID# 2090496.

#### MINERAL RESOURCE NOTES:

1. The effective date of the mineral resource estimate is July 25, 2017. The Independent QP for the Mineral Resource Estimate as required by National Instrument 43-101 is Carl Pelletier, P. Geo., B.Sc., employee of InnovExplo.
2. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
3. While the results are presented undiluted and in situ, the reported mineral resources are considered by the QP to have reasonable prospects for economic extraction.
4. These estimates include six low-grade gold-bearing mineralized envelopes.
5. The main low-grade gold-bearing mineralized envelope includes six high-grade gold-bearing zones, one high-grade copper-bearing zone, one high grade zinc-bearing zone, and three high-grade silver-bearing zones. Note that these high-grade zones may overlap each other.
6. Mineral resources were compiled at NSR cut-offs of (in C\$) \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$95 and \$100 per tonne for sensitivity purposes.
7. The official base case mineral resource is reported at a \$55 per tonne NSR cut-off.
8. The appropriate NSR cut-off will vary depending on prevailing economic and operational parameters to be determined.
9. NSR estimates are based on the following assumptions: Exchange rate of C\$1.00 /0.78 US\$; Metal prices as follows: gold \$1,300/oz, silver \$19.50, copper \$2.90/lb, zinc \$1.10/lb (inspired from a long-term analyst consensus price forecast study); Net recoveries are variable in function of grade of each commodity. Smelting cost (including transportation) of C\$6.52 per tonne (based on the cost mine service, as well as a non-public smelter contract obtained from one of the proposed destinations and talks with transport providers).
10. Gold equivalent calculations assume these same metal prices.
11. Inferred Mineral Resources are separate from Indicated Mineral Resources.
12. The quantity and grade of reported Inferred Mineral Resources are uncertain in nature and there has not been sufficient work to define these Inferred Mineral Resources as Indicated or Measured Mineral Resources. It is uncertain if further work will result in upgrading them to an Indicated or Measured mineral resource category.
13. The mineral resource was estimated using Geovia GEMS 6.8. The estimate is based on 5,980 diamond drill holes (483,254 m) of which 4,141 cut mineralized zones for a total of 178,150 m of core within these zones. For silver, the estimate also uses the results of an exhaustive metallurgical test comprising 2,112 diamond drill holes assayed for silver over a total length of 75,540 metres. A minimum true thickness of 7.0 m was applied, using the grade of the adjacent material when assayed, or a value of zero when not assayed. Only the silver interpolation in the Inferred mineral resources does not use the material when not assayed.
14. The estimate database also contains 14,799 channel samples for a total of 23,791 m from historically sampled drifts. Channel sample data was only used for distance to composite criterion for mineral resource classification purposes.
15. 91% of density values were estimated using historical iron assay drill hole data and Falco density data for an average of 3.41 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The interpolation method uses three passes for the ENV\_A and HG\_A to HG\_F zones. 8% of the density values were fixed at 2.88 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for ENV\_B to ENV\_E due to the scarcity of the data. 2.88 g/cm<sup>3</sup> represents the median of the available data. 1% of density values were fixed at 2.67 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for ENV\_F due to the scarcity of the data and to adequately characterize this quartz-rich zone.
16. Compositing was done on drill hole sections falling within the mineralized zones (composite = 3.0 m). Tails shorter than 0.75 m were not generated.
17. Mineral resources were evaluated from drill holes using an ID<sup>2</sup> interpolation method in a block model (block size = 5 x 5 x 5 m).
18. High-grade capping was done on raw assay data and established on a per zone basis for gold (Au g/t): (HG\_A: 35; HG\_B: 35; HG\_C: 25; HG\_D: 35; HG\_E: 25; HG\_F: 35; ENV\_A: 35; ENV\_B: 25; ENV\_C: 25; ENV\_D: 20; ENV\_E: 35; ENV\_F: 25) and for silver (Ag g/t): SG\_HG:100; HG\_D: 165; HG\_F: 165; ENV\_A\_SG\_Low: 110; ENV\_B: 100; ENV\_C: 100; ENV\_D: 100. Capping grade selection is supported by statistical analysis. No capping was applied to the Cu and Zn data based on statistical analysis.
19. The reported Mineral Resources are categorized as Measured, Indicated and Inferred. The Inferred category is only defined within the areas where blocks were interpolated during pass 1 or pass 2 in areas

where continuity is sufficient to avoid isolated blocks. The Indicated category is only defined by blocks interpolated in areas where the maximum distance to the closest drill hole composite is less than 25 m for blocks interpolated in passes 1 and 2. The Measured category is only defined by blocks classified as Indicated and within sufficient proximity to sampled drifts (< 15m). The average distance to the nearest composite is 6.97 m for the Measured mineral resources, 10.01 m for the Indicated mineral resources and 40.10 m for the Inferred mineral resources.

20. Tonnage estimates were rounded to the nearest hundred tonnes. Any discrepancies in the totals are due to rounding effects. Rounding practice follows the recommendations set forth in Form 43-101F1.

21. CIM definitions and guidelines were followed in estimating mineral resources.

22. InnovExplo is not aware of any known environmental, permitting, legal, title-related, taxation, socio-political, marketing or other relevant issue that could materially affect the mineral resource estimate.

23. Metal contained in ounces (troy) = metric tonnes x grade / 31.10348. Calculations used metric units (metres, tonnes and g/t). Metal contents are presented in ounces and pounds.

## About Falco

[Falco Resources Ltd.](#) is one of the largest mineral claim holders in the Province of QuÃ©bec, with extensive land holdings in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt. Falco owns about 67,000 hectares of land in the Rouyn-Noranda mining camp, which represents approximately 70% of the entire camp and includes 13 former gold and base metal mine sites. Falco's principal asset is the Horne 5 Project located in the former Horne mine that was operated by Noranda from 1927 to 1976 and produced 11.6 million ounces of gold and 2.5 billion pounds of copper. [Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd.](#) is the largest shareholder of the Company and currently owns 13.3% of the outstanding shares of the Company.

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