

# **Orca Gold Further Expands Water Aquifer at its Block 14 Gold Project and Proceeding with Design of a 6.0Mtpa Process Facility**

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Nov 1, 2017) - [Orca Gold Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE:ORG) ("Orca" or the "Company") is pleased to report the successful expansion of the Area 5 aquifer at its Block 14 Gold Project in the Republic of Sudan.

The Area 5 aquifer, located 85km from the main Galat Sufar South deposit ("GSS"), was initially discovered in May 2017 following a specialized airborne geophysical survey, which identified an aquifer target size of 562km<sup>2</sup>. A water resource area covering 100km<sup>2</sup> was proven with twelve boreholes, which supported the 3.4Mtpa throughput scenario outlined in the Company's Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "Revised PEA") (see Company news release on May 30, 2017).

Recognizing the potential and quality of this fresh water aquifer, Orca has recently completed a second programme of 12 boreholes, expanding the resource area to 135km<sup>2</sup> and increasing the estimated volume capacity of the aquifer to 100 million cubic meters. This important development removed water availability as a constraint on the throughput enabling the Company's Board of Directors to approve the design of a processing facility at GSS of 6.0Mtpa. The completion of the Feasibility Study incorporating this design scope is expected in early Q2 2018.

Drilling is ongoing at GSS to continue converting Inferred to Indicated Resources, and to extend the overall resource base to pit shells that formed the basis of the Revised PEA. Results from the first eight holes of a 25,000-metre drill programme were recently released (see Company news release on October 17, 2017) showing a strong potential for increased resource within and outside the existing pit shells, which supports the decision to design a 6.0Mtpa process plant at GSS.

"With the expansion at Area 5, GSS can now be developed to its full design potential. The decision by our Board to proceed with a 6.0 Mtpa operation is a game changer for the project, almost doubling the production throughput from the Revised PEA. Richard P. Clark, Director and CEO, commented. "This is expected to increase annual gold production in excess of 200,000 ounces per year. GSS and Block 14 one of the most exciting pre-development stories in Africa today. With the early success of our most recent resource expansion programme we anticipate that our Feasibility Study will highlight a mine with an impressive annual production and financial profile and a significant mine life."

To view Figure 1: Area 5 Water Aquifer Expansion, please visit the following link:  
<http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/org1101fig1.pdf>.

About Orca Gold Inc.

[Orca Gold Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE:ORG) is a Canadian resource company focused on exploration opportunities in Africa, currently focused on its 70%-owned Block 14 Gold Project in the Republic of the Sudan. Block 14 is situated on a 2,170-hectare concession. The Company is currently conducting a Definitive Feasibility Study on the project, which is scheduled for completion in early Q2 2018.

The technical contents of this release have been approved by Hugh Stuart, BSc, MSc, a Qualified Person pursuant to NI 43-101. Mr. Stuart is President of the Company and a Chartered Geologist and Fellow of the Geological Society of London.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Richard P. Clark, CEO and Director

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