

Scorpio Gold Reports Annual Gold Production at the Mineral Ridge Operation, Nevada

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 10, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Scorpio Gold Corp.](#) (Scorpio Gold or the Company) (TSX-V:SGN) announces its operating results for the full year and the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2017 at its 70% owned Mineral Ridge project, located in Nevada.

Total gold production in 2017 was 19,045 ounces, which slightly exceeded the Company's low-end guidance of 19,000 ounces. The annual production for 2017 of 19,045 ounces represents a decrease of 48% over the prior year. Gold production in Q4 2017 totalled 3,709 ounces representing a decrease of 55% from Q4 of 2016. Mine production decreased in 2017 due to mining 47% fewer ore tonnes, although average grades were 9% higher as compared to the prior year.

Brian Lock, CEO, comments, "As previously announced, mining was suspended in the first week of November 2017. Earlier this month, the Company announced results from Mine Technical Services on the mineable, higher-grade mineralization in the existing pits at Mineral Ridge and a positive updated feasibility study, which supports the Company's plans for the construction of a 4,000 TPD milling facility with CIL recovery and dry stack tailings circuit. Construction of the milling facility will begin once financing is obtained and the Plan of Operations Amendment and Water Pollution Control permit are approved and issued."

Key Operating Statistics

	Three months ending December 31			Twelve months ending December 31		
	2017	2016	Change	2017	2016	Change
Mining operations						
Mary LC pit						
Ore tonnes mined	-	148,161	-100.0	% 315,242	553,402	-43.0 %
Waste tonnes mined	-	977,246	-100.0	% 1,805,218	3,519,285	-48.7 %
Total mined	-	1,125,407	-100.0	% 2,120,460	4,072,687	-47.9 %
Strip Ratio	-	6.6	-100.0	% 5.7	6.4	-10.9 %
Satellite pits						
Ore tonnes mined	24,290	6,028	303.0	% 78,854	196,802	-59.9 %
Waste tonnes mined	113,972	5,888	1,835.7	% 665,226	525,491	26.6 %
Total mined	138,262	11,916	1,060.3	% 744,080	722,293	3.0 %
Strip Ratio	4.7	1.0	370.0	% 8.4	2.7	211.1 %
Total producing pits						
Ore tonnes mined	24,290	154,189	-84.2	% 394,096	750,204	-47.5 %
Waste tonnes mined	113,972	983,134	-88.4	% 2,470,444	4,044,776	-38.9 %
Total mined	138,262	1,137,323	-87.8	% 2,864,540	4,794,980	-40.3 %
Strip Ratio	4.7	6.4	-26.6	% 6.3	5.4	16.7 %
Pits under development						
Ore tonnes mined	-	-	0.0	% 772	-	100.0 %
Waste tonnes mined	-	160,672	-100.0	% 249,085	309,902	-19.6 %

Total mined	-	160,672	-100.0	% 249,857	309,902	-19.4	%
Total mining operations							
Ore tonnes mined	24,290	154,189	-84.2	% 394,868	750,204	-47.4	%
Waste tonnes mined	113,972	1,143,806	-90.0	% 2,719,529	4,354,678	-37.5	%
Total mined	138,262	1,297,995	-89.3	% 3,114,397	5,104,882	-39.0	%
Processing							
Tonnes processed	30,259	142,101	-78.7	% 398,898	846,140	-52.9	%
Gold head grade (g/t)	1.92	1.37	40.1	% 1.57	1.44	9.0	%
Ounces produced							
Gold	3,709	8,301	-55.3	% 19,045	36,879	-48.4	%
Silver	2,256	4,074	-44.6	% 10,203	16,950	-39.8	%
Crusher throughput (tonnes per day)	672	1,545	-56.5	% 1,254	2,312	-45.8	%
Recoverable ⁽¹⁾ gold ounces placed on pad	1,212	4,301	-71.8	% 13,668	26,549	-48.5	%

(1) A weighted average metallurgical recovery factor has been applied to the estimated contained ounces crushed and placed on the leach pad based on the pit from which the ore was mined.

About Scorpio Gold

Scorpio Gold holds a 70% interest in the Mineral Ridge gold mining operation located in Esmeralda County, Nevada with joint venture partner Elevon, LLC (30%). Mineral Ridge is a conventional open pit mining and heap leach operation. Mining at Mineral Ridge was suspended in November 2017; however, the Company continues to generate limited revenues from residual but diminishing recoveries from the leach pads. Scorpio Gold also holds a 100% interest in the advanced exploration-stage Goldwedge property in Manhattan, Nevada with a fully permitted underground mine and 400 ton per day mill facility. The Goldwedge mill facility has been placed on a care and maintenance basis and can be restarted immediately when needed.

Scorpio Gold's Chairman, Peter J. Hawley, PGeo, is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the content of this news release.

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