

Velocity Announces Expansion of East Zone Discovery at Rozino Gold Project, Southeast Bulgaria

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 11, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Velocity Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV:VLC) ("Velocity" or the "Company") announces that it has received assay results for diamond drill hole RDD-040, which returned 144.7m grading 1.52g/t gold including 24.0m grading 4.05 g/t gold, at the new East Zone, Rozino gold project. Mineralization in drill hole RDD-040 is intersected from surface and is the thickest continuous drill intersection averaging greater than 1.0g/t gold ever returned from the property. The East Zone remains open for expansion with results pending from three additional step-outs. Assays from 17 drill holes were returned over the past month and results have expanded the extent of near-surface mineralization at both East Zone and North Zone (Figure 1).

Velocity drilling to date at the Rozino project. Drill holes are shown on a soil geochemistry backdrop. Approximate limits for areas known as Main, North and East Zone are also shown.

Section showing drill intersection from drill hole RDD-040 located in East Zone.

Section showing drill intersections from drill holes RDD-032 to RDD-035 located in North Zone.

Assay bar chart showing continuity of mineralization in drill hole RDD-040. The current exploration model has not had sufficient drill testing to be able to determine true thickness of mineralization.

"The most recently completed drilling at Rozino has stepped beyond Main Zone, seeking to define additional zones of near-surface mineralization at North Zone and East Zone," stated Keith Henderson, Velocity's President & CEO. "Exploration at East Zone has been particularly successful with hole RDD-040 intersecting continuous high-grade gold mineralization from surface over a 144-meter drill intersection."

Mr. Henderson continued, "Since closing the acquisition of Bulgarian assets in late July 2017, Velocity has rapidly advanced the project and based on positive results added a second rig in October to complete more than 7,000m in total. Our stated aim has been to define potentially open-pittable epithermal gold mineralization and the program has clearly met that objective."

East Zone

Drill hole RDD-040 is the first follow-up to the East Zone discovery, collaring approximately 50m to the southeast of discovery hole RDD-008, and intersected 144.7m grading 1.52g/t gold from surface (Figure 2). As with all mineralization at Rozino, thick mineralized intersections are defined by relatively consistent mineralization rather than by narrow zones of very high-grade material. This trend is apparent in RDD-040 where mineralization is continuous, with only 9 samples exceeding 5g/t and the peak assay is 14.05g/t gold (Figure 4).

RDD-008 was Velocity's first drill hole within East Zone (Figure 1), which intersected 41.7m from

surface grading 0.86g/t gold and an additional 33.9m from 112.8m grading 0.79g/t gold. The original target was defined by a strong soil geochemical anomaly which extends over a 150m x 150m area. The zone remains open for expansion with results pending from three additional step-outs.

North Zone

At North Zone, drill hole RDD-035 intersected 14.5m grading 1.54g/t gold from surface and from 22.3m an additional 10.0m grading 0.87g/t gold (Figure 3). Drill hole RDD-039 located 150m southeast of Velocity's first drill hole at North Zone (RDD-007, 22.4m grading 0.8g/t gold) returned a 10.2m intersect from 3.3m grading 1.20g/t gold, including 3.1m grading 2.89g/t gold and the zone remains open for expansion.

Drill Results Update on Web Site

Updated drill plans and cross sections have been uploaded to the Velocity web site together with a full table of gold intersections.

Quality Assurance / Quality Control

The work program at Rozino was designed and is supervised by Stuart A. Mills, CGeol, the Company's Vice-President Exploration, who is responsible for all aspects of the work, including the quality control/quality assurance program. On-site personnel at the project rigorously collect and track samples which are then security sealed and shipped to ALS Global laboratory in Romania. Samples used for the results described herein are prepared and analyzed by fire assay using a 30-gram charge in compliance with industry standards. Field duplicate samples, blanks and independent controlled reference material (standards) are added to every batch. Drill intersections in this news release are calculated using a 0.2 g/t gold trigger, a minimum 0.5 g/t gold composite, and a maximum of 3 meters consecutive waste.

Qualified Person

The technical content of this release has been approved for disclosure by Stuart A. Mills, BSc, MSc, CGeol, a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and the Company's Vice President Exploration. Mr. Mills is not independent of the Company.

About Velocity Minerals Ltd.

Velocity is a gold exploration and development company focused on eastern Europe. The Company's management and board includes mining industry professionals with over 100 years of combined experience spanning Europe, Asia, and the Americas as employees of major mining companies as well as founders and senior executives of junior to mid-tier public companies. The team's experience includes all aspects of mineral exploration, resource definition, feasibility, finance, mine construction and mine operation as well as a track record in managing publicly listed companies.

The Company's portfolio of advanced gold exploration assets is currently in Bulgaria, which is a member of the European Union (2007) and an attractive destination for mining investment. The country's mining law was established in 1999 and updated in 2011. Mining royalties are low and compare favourably with more established mining countries like Canada, Peru and Chile. Bulgaria also boasts a corporate tax rate of only 10% and the country's education system has yielded a good availability of experienced mining professionals in a favourable cost environment. Foreign mining companies are successfully operating in Bulgaria.

Local knowledge and experience are essential components of mining investment in a foreign jurisdiction. Velocity Minerals has entered into a number of option agreements with Gorubso Kardzhali A.D. ("Gorubso"), an established and respected mining company in Bulgaria. Gorubso operates the underground Chala Gold Mine (2006) and the Kardzhali Carbon In Leach (CIL) processing plant (2011), which produces gold dore. Gorubso is the first and only company in Bulgaria to have secured a permit for cyanide-related processing of

gold ores. Velocity's management has a long-standing relationship with Gorubso as well as significant previous experience in Bulgaria and elsewhere in the region.

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