

Strong Results Accelerate TriStar Gold's Castelo De Sonhos Project, Preliminary Economic Assessment Begins

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., July 11, 2018 -- The most recent batches of assays from drilling at the Castelo de Sonhos (CDS) gold project of [TriStar Gold Inc.](#) (TSX.V:TSG) (the "Company" or "TriStar") have accelerated the project's development schedule; these include:

Mineralized conglomerate targets identified at Castelo de Sonhos, with high priority targets labelled in black. Location and depths of the most recent drill holes shown.

- 23m @ 1.19 g/t from 64-87m in RC-18-324 at Esperança South (Figure 1), including
 - 6m at 2.20 g/t from 64-70m
 - 3m at 3.24 g/t from 80-83m
- 19m @ 0.50 g/t from 36-55m in RC-18-322 at Esperança East
- 5m @ 5.06 g/t from 62-67m in RC-18-322 at Esperança East, including
 - 1m at 23.14 g/t from 62-63m
- 8m @ 1.14 g/t from 5-13m in CSH-18-293 at Esperança South, including
 - 3m at 2.54 g/t from 10-13m

With all holes drilled vertically, and reefs dipping at 20° to 30°, true widths are approximately 90% of the downhole intersection lengths.

"Frankly, we didn't expect to be at this point this soon," said Nicholas Appleyard, President/CEO of TriStar. "Two years ago, we published the science and data analysis that gave us confidence that CDS warranted development, and we undertook drilling programs to expand the mineral resource to the point where a preliminary economic assessment (PEA) would evaluate the potential profitability of an open-pit mine. We expected to be moving to a PEA near the end of 2018, but our evaluation of Q2 drilling results convinces us to launch the PEA now, ahead of schedule."

Requests for proposals have now been sent to a short-list of engineering companies for the completion of an updated mineral resource estimate in Q3, a PEA in Q4, and the associated independent 43-101 technical reports.

Drilling

All assays have now been received for the 34 reverse circulation holes (3,972m) and 8 core holes (960m), drilled so far in 2018 (see Figure 1). Of the ten holes in the final batch of assays, all had well-mineralized significant intersections, and nine had multiple significant intersections. In three of the holes, the total thickness of the significant intervals exceeded 20m. These results exceed expectations and add confidence to the geological understanding of CDS.

The tabulation of drilling results maintained by the Company on its website here has been updated to provide all information available to date on drill hole locations and significant intervals.

https://tristargold.com/images/news/Mineralized_Targets_Drillholes_July18.png

Figure 1. Mineralized conglomerate targets identified at Castelo de Sonhos, with high priority targets labelled in black. Location and depths of the most recent drill holes shown.

Qualified Person

R. Mohan Srivastava (P.Geo.), Vice President of TriStar, is the Qualified Person who has reviewed the technical information contained in this news release and has approved its disclosure.

About TriStar:

TriStar Gold is an exploration and development company focused on precious metals properties in the Americas that have potential to become large-scale mines. The Company's current flagship property is Castelo de Sonhos in Pará State, Brazil. The Company's shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol TSG. Further information is available at www.tristargold.com.

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