

Maple Gold extends Nika Zone mineralization to the east and recaps 2018 success in the NW Gap Area

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Montreal, July 26, 2018 - [Maple Gold Mines Ltd.](#) (TSXV: MGM) (OTCQB: MGMLF) (FSE: M3G) ("Maple Gold" or the "Company") is pleased to report the final drill results from the NW Gap Area, i.e. the area between the NW, Douay West and Porphyry Zones, which includes the new Nika Zones. There were a select number of historical drill-holes drilled in the NW Gap Area from 2011 to 2017 inclusive by Aurvista Gold (now Maple Gold Mines), but due to the limited drill density, this area represented a high-priority target for new discoveries and potential extensions of existing zones outside the currently established conceptual pits (Micon 2018). Within this area (see Figure 1) a total of twelve (12) holes were drilled in 2018, with the majority spaced from 100 up to 300 metres from the nearest pre-existing drill collar.

Assay results have been received for the final drill hole (DO-18-241) from the Nika Zones, which tested the eastern limit of the recently defined mineralization in the heart of the NW Gap Area. This drill-hole confirmed the eastern continuity of gold mineralization from DO-18-218 (50m of 1.77 g/t Au — see press release May 14, 2018), and cut eight narrow mineralized zones averaging greater than 1 g/t Au. The mineralized zones start from a downhole depth of 148m (estimated vertical depth of 130m), including 12m of 1.78 g/t Au uncapped (two adjacent zones combined), 3.6m of 1.12 g/t Au and 1.0m of 6.72 g/t Au, see Table 1 and Figure 2A. The above-mentioned intercepts in DO-18-241 included four new higher grade (>2 g/t Au) samples forming part of the Nika cluster (see Figure 1), all of which are outside existing conceptual pits and wireframes and therefore represent potential additions to the existing resource base.

Maple Gold's President and CEO, Matthew Hornor, stated: "When we started designing our 2018 drill program, we encouraged our technical group to take some chances with greenfield drilling and aggressive step-out drilling beyond known zones in the general resource area. Following this approach has resulted in the definition of new zones in the NW Gap Area and gives us confidence that the potential for additional new discoveries at Douay remains excellent. Greenfield drilling results are expected in the coming weeks."

Maple Gold's Vice President Exploration, Fred Speidel, stated: "Assays for the NW Gap Area, including the promising new Nika Zones, are now complete. These additional results demonstrate that gold mineralization in the Nika Zones, part of which is well above deposit average grade, widens significantly towards the west and locally remains open up-dip and down-dip."

Figure 1: Drill plan for NW Gap Area, showing previously reported and new mineralized zones. Note broadening of mineralization westwards from DO-18-241, which may be a result of increased structural permeability provided by the intersection of EW and NW-striking structures in this area. Threshold (2g/t Au) for higher-grade samples for presentation purposes only.

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Figure 2 (A, B): A, left, Section 705300E with DO-18-241, showing distribution of syenite (pink) and basalt (green) with reported intercepts. B, right, for comparison, section 705200E (previously reported in press release May 14th, 2018), located 100m to the west, with greater amount of syenite and broader gold intercepts. On this section, individual gold grades shown as black bars along the left side of the hole trace, have been capped at 6 g/t Au for presentation purposes. The main intercepts on this section are open up-dip and down-dip.

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Table 1: 2018 Drill Results Summary from NW Gap Area (including Nika Zones)
(Drill-holes DO-18-241 and DO-18-218 correspond to the two 2018 holes shown on cross sections)

Hole	Easting	Northing	Azimuth	Plunge	Length	From	To	Interval	Au ppm
DO-18-241	705300	5491370	360	-50	510	148.0	149.0	1.0	4.25
DO-18-241						267.1	270.7	3.6	1.12
DO-18-241						360.0	361.0	1.0	6.72
DO-18-241						376.0	376.9	0.9	1.41
DO-18-241						393.0	405.0	12.0	*1.78
including						393.0	399.0	6.0	*2.61
including						393.0	394.0	1.0	*11.8
including						402.6	405.0	2.4	2.33
DO-18-241						432.0	433.0	1.0	1.13
DO-18-241						447.0	448.0	1.0	1.15
DO-18-218	705200	5491498	360	-45	480	205.5	208.0	2.5	1.02
DO-18-218						213.1	222.5	9.4	0.76
DO-18-218						297.0	347.0	50.0	*1.77
Including						297.0	324.0	27.0	1.38
Including						342.8	347.0	4.2	*8.92
DO-18-218						364.0	366.1	2.1	1.05
DO-18-218						409.8	423.0	13.2	0.86
including						415.0	419.5	4.4	1.24
DO-18-218						453.0	454.0	1.0	1.67
DO-18-212	704892	5491799	360	-60	296.2	33.0	34.3	1.3	1.25
DO-18-212						37.0	38.0	1.0	1.07
DO-18-212						127.1	129.0	2.0	0.97
DO-18-214	705321	5491889	360	-50	477	181.0	184.0	3.0	0.86
including						181.0	182.0	1.0	1.71
DO-18-214						424.5	434.0	9.5	1.01
including						424.5	428.0	3.5	1.88
including						433.0	434.0	1.0	1.50
DO-18-214						441.5	446.4	4.9	0.74
DO-18-217	705112	5491600	360	-50	498	147.7	150.0	2.3	1.83
including						149.0	150.0	1.0	3.40
DO-18-217						166.0	168.0	2.0	0.87
DO-18-217						175.5	178.0	2.6	1.19
DO-18-217						286.0	287.0	1.0	1.04
DO-18-217						303.0	333.8	30.8	0.81
including						309.0	326.0	17.0	1.08
including						333.0	333.8	0.8	1.64
DO-18-223	704700	5492492	354	-53	351	99.0	102.0	3.0	1.58
DO-18-227	704896	5491654	360	-60	447	101.0	106.0	5.0	2.32
including						104.0	105.0	1.0	8.84
DO-18-227						304.0	305.0	1.0	1.15
DO-18-227						429.5	432.9	3.4	0.80
DO-18-233						Scattered values over 0.5 g/t Au			
DO-18-236	704570	5492400	003	-50	351.2	Single value over 0.1 g/t Au			
DO-18-245	705292	5492495	360	-50	351	Single value over 0.25 g/t Au			
DO-18-249	705637	5491551	360	-50	420	50.0	51.0	1.0	1.88
DO-18-252	705695	5491517	360	-50	276	52.0	56.0	4.0	0.83
DO-18-252						66.0	70.0	4.0	0.87
DO-18-252						106.6	107.2	0.6	3.08

Intervals are all down-the hole lengths, which are estimated to be approximately 90% of true width.

Coordinates are NAD83 Zone 17N. All assays were performed by ALS Laboratories by AU-ICP21, i.e. 30 g fire assay with ICP finish with any over limits (>10 g/t Au) redone by AU-GRA21, i.e. gravimetric analysis of 30g sample weight. Nominal cut-off to obtain intercepts is 0.25 g/t Au, but depending on grade distribution effective cut-offs can be somewhat higher or lower. All intercepts are uncapped, those identified with (*) include samples with overlimits (>10 g/t Au); which may be subject to grade capping during future resource estimation.

Qualified Person

The scientific and technical data contained in this press release was reviewed and prepared under the supervision of Fred Speidel, M. Sc, P. Geo., Vice-President Exploration, of Maple Gold. Mr. Speidel is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Mr. Speidel has verified the data related to the exploration information disclosed in this news release through his direct participation in the work.

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Maple Gold implements strict Quality Assurance ("QA") and Quality Control ("QC") protocols at Douay covering the planning and placing of drill holes in the field; drilling and retrieving the NQ-sized drill core; drill-hole surveying; core transport to the Douay Camp; core logging by qualified personnel; sampling and bagging of core for analysis; transport of core from site to the analytical laboratory; sample preparation for assaying; and analysis, recording and final statistical vetting of results. For a complete description of protocols, please visit the Company's QA/QC page on the website at: <http://maplegoldmines.com/index.php/en/projects/qa-qc-qp-statement>

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1 (Micon 2018) 479,000 ounces at 1.59 g/t Au (Indicated category) and 2,759,000 ounces at 1.02 g/t Au (Inferred category), using a 0.45 g/t Au cut-off grade. Please visit www.maplegoldmines.com or the Company's SEDAR filings for a copy of the Micon 2018 report.

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