

# Harte Gold Announces Changes to Senior Management and Board

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TORONTO, Sept. 17, 2020 - [Harte Gold Corp.](#) ("Harte Gold" or the "Company") (TSX: HRT) (OTC: HRTFF) (Frankfurt: H4O) announces the appointment of Frazer Bouchier as President, CEO and Director of the Board of Directors, effective September 21, 2020. Mr. Bouchier will replace Sam Coetzer, who is stepping down from the position of President and CEO, for personal reasons. Sam will continue to serve on Harte Gold's Board of Directors.

The Company also announces Martin Raffield is stepping down as Executive Vice President and COO of Harte Gold, effective September 21, 2020. Dr. Raffield is a resident of the United States and made the decision to resign due to constraints on cross border travel due to the pandemic. Dr. Raffield will remain as a consultant to the Company until completion of the Feasibility Study, expected in Q4 2020. Dan Gagnon, currently General Manager of the Sugar Zone Mine, has been appointed Vice President, Operations, effective September 21, 2020.

Sam Coetzer, outgoing President and CEO commented:

"Due to personal issues, I regretfully made the decision to step away from day-to-day duties as President and CEO of Harte Gold. However, I will continue to serve the Company as a Director. I am very pleased to have Frazer Bouchier as my successor and am fully supportive with the transition. I have known Frazer for many years and firmly believe he will continue to grow value at Harte Gold. As the Company enters its next phase of growth, I believe the Sugar Zone mine is in very good hands with Mr. Bouchier and the team led on site by Dan Gagnon."

Mr. Coetzer added, "I would also like to thank Martin Raffield for his dedication and commitment to the Company. Martin has tirelessly fulfilled his duties, which had become increasingly difficult as a resident of the United States working in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to wish Martin all the best in his future endeavours."

Frazer Bouchier is a registered professional engineer with over 30 years of domestic and international experience leading open pit and underground operations. His breadth of experience includes both operational field management and executive corporate oversight leadership. Most recently, Mr. Bouchier was Chief Operating Officer of Detour Gold, who spearheaded the 2018 turnaround of the Detour mine prior to its sale to Kirkland Lake Gold. From 2012 to 2017, Mr. Bouchier was Chief Operating Officer at Nevsun Resources, where he provided leadership for the successful gold oxide mining operation and the development of the copper and zinc expansion projects at the Bisha open pit. Prior to that, he worked at Silver Wheaton, Intrepid Mines and Placer Dome (subsequently Barrick Gold) where he held positions of increasing responsibility including Mining Manager and General Manager at the Porgera open pit gold mine. Mr. Bouchier has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Applied Science and Engineering from the University of Toronto.

Frazer Bouchier, incoming President and CEO commented:

"I am thrilled and energized to be joining Harte Gold as President and CEO and serving on its Board of Directors. I was drawn to Harte by the operational and exploration potential of the Sugar Zone property in what is a largely underexplored, district-scale land package, in a top mining jurisdiction with significant growth potential. It feels like a geological homecoming of sorts, starting my career in the Red Lake greenstone belt and, most recently, at Detour in the Abitibi greenstone belt. I have a deep familiarity with Harte's operational management team during my mining career. Under the guidance of Sam, this team has done a fantastic job in a relatively short period of time to reset the path for a successful operational turnaround and I am confident their successes will continue now with my collaborative leadership."

Mr. Bouchier added, "As CEO, my focus will be to execute on Harte's operational strategy, deliver production growth including ongoing assessment of the Feasibility Study for expansion, and to test the overall property potential through continued exploration. I believe this remains the best path to grow value for all stakeholders, and I and the team look forward to delivering results."

#### Changes to Board of Directors

The Company is pleased to announce that Doug Cater has joined the Board of Directors. Mr. Cater will replace Richard Sutcliffe, who has stepped down pursuant to the financing agreement announced July 1, 2020.

Doug Cater is a professional geologist with more than 30 years of exploration experience in Canada and internationally. Mr. Cater was the Vice President, Exploration with Kirkland Lake Gold from January 2016 to 2019, where he was responsible for greenstone exploration in Canada. Prior to that, he was Vice President, Exploration for St. Andrew Goldfields. Mr. Cater holds a HBS, Earth Science from the University of Waterloo.

The Company also announces that Jim Gallagher has stepped down from the Board of Directors, to focus on other priorities.

Joe Conway, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Harte Gold commented:

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and all Harte Gold employees, I would like to thank Sam, Martin, Richard, and Jim for their contributions during their tenure with the Company. Many of the important milestones that have been achieved over the last twelve months would not have been possible without their efforts. Sam was instrumental in instituting a new operational standard within the Company, leading to the successful restart of the Sugar Zone mine, the transition to owner-operator which is currently underway, and initiated the Feasibility Study to consider an expansion focused on improving mine profitability and continued future growth."

Mr. Conway added, "I would like to welcome Frazer and Doug to the Company and the Board of Directors. Frazer is a talented operator with an established track record, and I am confident he will create value for all stakeholders. Together, Frazer Bouchier and Dan Gagnon will provide the operational leadership to drive even greater success in the future."

#### ABOUT HARTE GOLD CORP.

Harte Gold holds a 100% interest in the Sugar Zone mine located in White River, Canada. The Sugar Zone Mine entered commercial production in 2019. Production guidance is 20,000 to 24,000 oz Au for 2020 and 60,000 to 65,000 oz Au for 2021. The Company has further potential through exploration at the Sugar Zone Property, which encompasses 79,335 hectares covering a significant greenstone belt. Harte Gold trades on the TSX under the symbol "HRT", on the OTC under the symbol "HRTFF" and on the Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol "H4O".

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This news release includes "forward-looking statements", within the meaning of applicable securities legislation and include, but are not limited to, statements and information regarding the appointment of Frazer Bouchier as President, CEO and Director of the Board of Directors effective September 21, 2020; Mr. Coetzer stepping down from the position of President and CEO effective September 21, 2020; Dr. Raffield stepping down as Executive Vice President and COO effective September 21, 2020 and remaining as a consultant to the Company until completion of the Feasibility Study expected in Q4 2020; the appointment of Dan Gagnon as Vice President, Operations, effective September 21, 2020; Mr. Bouchier focusing on the execution of the Company's operational strategy, delivering production growth including ongoing assessment of the Feasibility Study for expansion, and testing the overall property potential through continued exploration; production of between 20,000 and 24,000 oz Au for 2020 and 60,000 to 65,000 oz Au for 2021;

and the Company having further potential through exploration at the Sugar Zone Property. Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "budget", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "forecast", "may", "will", "project", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intend", "could", "might", "should", "believe" and similar words suggesting future outcomes or statements regarding an outlook. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions including material estimates and assumptions related to the factors set forth below that, while considered reasonable by the Company as at the date of this press release in light of management's experience and perception of current conditions and expected developments, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Known and unknown factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements and information.

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