

Argonaut Gold Discovers Four New High-Grade Mineralized Gold Zones Below and to the West of the Planned Magino Open Pit

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Scotland Zone Returns 7.0 Metres at 14.0 g/t Gold; #42 Zone Returns 8.0 Metres at 9.3 g/t Gold; Sandy Zone Returns 7.0m at 4.2 g/t Gold

TORONTO, Nov. 23, 2020 - [Argonaut Gold Inc.](#) (TSX: AR) (the "Company", "Argonaut Gold" or "Argonaut") is pleased to announce that it has discovered four new, high-grade zones below or adjacent to the planned open pit at its 100% owned Magino property in Ontario. The four new zones are the Scotland Zone, the #42 Zone, the Sandy Zone and the South Zone, which sit between 350 and 700 metres southwest of the planned open pit. Since commencing the exploration drilling program in July 2019, the Company has completed 56 diamond drill holes and is currently in the process of drilling targeting high-grade mineralized structures at depth.

Recent highlights include:

- Scotland Zone: MA20-50A with 7.0m at 14.0 g/t Au, including 3.0m at 31.9 g/t Au;
- #42 Zone: MA20-051 with 8.0m at 9.3 g/t Au, including 5.0m at 14.6 g/t Au;
- Sandy Zone: MA20-051 with 9.0m at 5.4 g/t Au, including 3.0m at 13.5 g/t Au;
- South Zone: MA20-051 with 7.0m at 4.2 g/t Au, including 2.0m at 10.0 g/t Au; and
- Elbow Zone: MA20-053 with 4.4m at 14.1 g/t Au, including 3.4m at 18.15 g/t Au.

Pete Dougherty, President and CEO stated: "The discovery of these four new high-grade zones below the planned Magino open pit is a significant milestone in the exploration potential of the Magino project. Magino is a past-producing mine and has been a well-known project for decades. We are now beginning to scratch the surface of the full potential of the exploration upside to this mineralized system. The fact that we have discovered these high-grade zones speaks to the future possibilities at Magino. These results continue to demonstrate the high-grade gold potential of the Magino project. Importantly, we have now demonstrated results at depth farther westward from the boundary between Magino and the planned open pit."

Brian Arkell, Vice President of Exploration commented: "Through an ongoing structural investigation over the past two years, we have identified higher-grade ore shoots within the planned open pit and test the down dip potential of these structures. It's very encouraging to see high-grade gold mineralization in our initial drill holes testing these structures at depth, and we've hit some of the highest grades ever recorded at Magino. The success we have demonstrated in our first drilling at depth at the new Scotland, #42, Sandy and South zones, combined with the Elbow Zone, we now have six very exciting high-grade mineralized targets that all warrant further drilling."

Recent drilling has focused on widely spaced scout drilling to test multiple potential high-grade mineralized structures at depth in the Scotland and Central zones. Results indicate that the four high-grade structures continue down dip, as the first drilling to test the structures encountered high-grade gold mineralization in all four targets. Drilling will now focus on continuing to test the continuity of the structures as well as moving westward to continue testing new targets below and to the west of the planned open pit.

Table 1 below highlights select drill results from the on-going drill program. A three-dimensional model of the Magino property in relation to the planned open pit, Elbow and Central zones and property boundary is available on the Company's website at <https://www.argonautgold.com/English/assets/drill-results/default.aspx>

Table 1: Select Drill Results

Hole	Zone	Azimuth	Dip	From	To	Length	Grade*	Estimated
				(metres)	(metres)	(metres)	(Au g/t)	True
				Width (meters)				
MA20-017W1	Elbow	170.1	-61.2	647.0	648.0	1.0	5.4	0.8
and	Elbow			767.0	769.0	2.0	6.4	1.6
including	Elbow			767.0	768.1	1.1	11.4	0.9
MA20-050A	Scotland	160.0	-60.3	431.0	438.0	7.0	14.0	5.3
including	Scotland			431.0	434.0	3.0	31.9	2.3
and	#42			717.0	725.0	8.0	4.5	6.0
including	#42			721.0	724.0	3.0	10.1	2.3
MA20-051	#42	165.1	-62.1	365.0	373.0	8.0	9.3	6.0
including	#42			366.0	371.0	5.0	14.6	3.8
and	Sandy			605.0	613.0	8.0	5.5	6.0
including	Sandy			605.0	607.0	2.0	18.3	1.5
and	Sandy			741.0	750.0	9.0	5.4	6.8
including	Sandy			742.0	745.0	3.0	13.5	2.3
and	South			884.0	891.0	7.0	4.2	5.3
Including	South			884.0	886.0	2.0	10.0	1.5
MA20-052	#42	164.8	-71.9	703.0	708.0	5.0	7.3	3.5
including	#42			706.0	708.0	2.0	17.5	1.4
and	Sandy			945.00	950.00	5.0	5.7	3.5
including	Sandy			945.00	948.00	3.0	8.9	2.1
MA20-053	Elbow	182.1	-72.0	419.60	424.00	4.4	14.1	3.1
including	Elbow			419.60	423.00	3.4	18.2	2.4

*Grade uncut

All table of all drill results as well as maps are available on the Company's website at <https://www.argonautgold.com/English/assets/drill-results/default.aspx>

This round of drilling has shown promising results in the #42 zone where visible gold has been observed in many of the quartz veins. Several stopes from past production are within this zone and using the historical

level plans, detailed information on vein orientation and density was extracted. Hole MA20-051 intersected the down-plunge extension some 150m below the old workings returning 8.0m at 9.3 g/t Au. Testing along strike on this zone, MA20-050A intersected 8.0m at 4.5 g/t Au, including 3.0m at 10.2 g/t Au. This intersection was a further 150m down plunge and to the east of MA20-051. Along with these holes, MA20-052 also intersected 5.0m at 7.3 g/t Au another 200m down plunge. With these positive intersections in this pattern of drilling, the zone has expanded by 350m down plunge and approximately 150m of strike length to a vertical depth from surface greater than 650m.

Qualified Person Comments / Quality Control Procedures

The preparation of this press release was supervised and approved by Brian Arkell, Argonaut Gold's Vice President Exploration and a Qualified Person under NI 43-101. Mr. Arkell also reviewed the diamond drilling, sampling, and on-site sample preparation procedures at Magino.

For sample analysis, the Company utilizes a system of Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) that includes insertion and verification of standards, blanks, and duplicates consistent with industry standards.

The Company has implemented a QA/QC program to ensure sampling and analysis of all exploration work is conducted in accordance with the CIM Exploration Best Practices Guidelines. The entire drill hole is sampled and tagged by geologic personnel. Cores are then photographed and sawn in half by experienced geotechnicians, placed in numbered plastic bags, and gathered in rice bags which are sealed with tamper-proof security tags under the supervision of the project geologists. The other half of the core is retained for future assay verification and/or metallurgical testing. Other QA/QC procedures include the insertion of coarse blanks and Canadian Reference Standards for every tenth sample in the sample stream. Samples are bagged, sealed with numbered security tags and shipped to the Activation Laboratories facility, Thunder Bay, Ontario, for sample preparation and assaying. The laboratory has its own QA/QC protocols, running standards, blanks, and duplicate samples in each batch stream. Gold analysis is conducted by lead collection, fire assay with a gravimetric finish on a 50-gram sample. Metallic screen fire assaying is now completed using a 1.0 kg sample and two 50 gm fire assays of the pass (-100 mesh) pulverized material on all samples containing visible gold. Check assays are conducted at a secondary ISO certified laboratory.

Please see below under the heading "Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements" for further details regarding risks.

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For further information on the Magino project, please see the report as listed below on the Company's website or on www.sedar.com:

Magino Gold Project Feasibility Study Technical Report on the Magino Project, Ontario, Canada dated December 21, 2017 (effective date November 8, 2017)

About Argonaut Gold

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