

# Condor Gold Plc 3.60m True Width @ 29.1 g/t gold intercept and 4.10m True Width @ 15.23 g/t gold Drill Update at the Mestiza Open Pit

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SURREY, Sept 24, 2021 - Condor Gold (AIM:CNR)(TSX:COG) is pleased to announce that the first phase of infill drilling of 39 drill holes for 3371.58 metres using diamond core drilling has been completed on the Mestiza Open Pit and all assay results received. The results of the infill drilling are consistent with previous drilling grades and widths, demonstrating good continuity in gold mineralization between adjacent drill holes in the high grade zones and add confidence to the geological model. The total drilling programme on Mestiza Open Pit is approximately 7800 metres, 2 drill rigs are operating on site, the drilling should be completed within 6 weeks. The primary objective of the drill programme is to convert the Inferred Mineral Resource to a higher level of confidence Indicated Mineral Resource for inclusion in an economic Mineral Reserve and prepare the permitted Mestiza Open Pit for extraction.

## Highlights

- 4.1 m true width at 15.23 g/t gold from 47.80 m (drill hole LIDC514) approximately 40 m below surface.
- 3.6 m true width at 29.1 g/t gold from 105.70 m (drill hole LIDC471) approximately 85 m below surface
- Assay results demonstrate good continuity in gold mineralization between adjacent drill holes in the high grade zones and add confidence to the geological model.
- The total drilling programme on Mestiza Open Pit is approximately 7800 metres, 2 drill rigs are operating on site, the drilling should be completed within 6 weeks.
- Mestiza Open Pit has currently estimated fully diluted feed mill feed in the September 2021 PEA of 499Kt at 5.37g/t gold for 86,000 oz gold and is targeted for early extraction.

Mark Child, Chairman and CEO commented:

"I am delighted with the initial results of the 7800 metre infill drilling programme on our permitted high grade Mestiza Open Pit, which is targeted for early production. The high grade drill intercepts announced today of 4.1 m true width at 15.23 g/t gold and 3.6 m true width at 29.1 g/t gold, approximately 40 m and 85 m respectively below surface may add to our mineral resource inventory at Mestiza and possibly improve the Project's economics, although this will only be confirmed at the conclusion of this drilling campaign.

The September 2021 PEA estimated the Mestiza Open Pit can currently deliver a fully diluted mill feed of 499Kt at 5.37g/t gold for 86,000 oz gold. The tighter drill spacing has delivered relatively shallow, high grade drill intercepts which add considerable confidence to the existing monthly mine schedules".

## About the Mestiza Open Pit

The Mestiza Open Pit sits within the La Mestiza Vein Set, which host a high grade open pit Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") of 432kt at 8.6g/t gold (92kt at 12.1g/t gold for 36,000 oz gold in the Indicated Category and 341kt at 7.7 g/t gold for 85,000 oz gold in the in the Inferred Category), and an underground Mineral Resource of 118kt at 5.5g/t gold in the Indicated category and 984kt at 5.3 g/t gold for 169,000 oz gold in the Inferred category (see RNS dated 28 January 2019 and Table 1 below). The Mestiza Vein Set is part of Condor's 100% owned La India Project (the "Project").

On 9 September 2021, Condor announced the key findings of a technical report on the Project prepared by SRK Consulting (UK) Limited ("SRK"). This technical report (the "Technical Report") presents the results of a strategic mining study to Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") standards completed on the Project in 2021 (See RNS dated 9 September 2021). The 2021 PEA Technical Report will be issued within 45 days of the public disclosure to NI 43-101 standards. The PEA includes open pit mining scenarios containing mill feed from the Mestiza Open Pit. The estimated fully diluted feed mill feed for the PEA is 499Kt at 5.37g/t gold

for 86,000 oz gold. Assuming a 91% metallurgical recovery and a gold price of US\$1700 per oz, gold production would be 78,260 oz gold and revenues US\$133M.

The Mestiza Vein Set is located only 3 km from the permitted processing plant on Condor's La India Project, comprises of several gold-bearing quartz veins spread across an 800 m wide corridor, and striking for 1500 m to 2000 m in north-northwest to south southeast direction along the top of a broad ridge (see Figure 1). The gold mineralised veins are contained within steep-dipping faults and to a lesser extent as breccia and stockwork veinlets within fracture zones on the walls of the faults. The gold mineralisation is best developed where the host rock on both sides of the fault is a hard, welded volcanic tuff. The high-grades occur with the faults where early quartz veins and quartz breccias have been ground to fault breccia, quartz sands or even fault clays by movement along the fault planes. A later stage, post-fault quartz mineralisation is recognised in some places overprinting the fault breccias and sands. The gold mineralisation is interpreted to be associated with both phases of quartz development.

The La Mestiza Vein Set is open along strike and down dip and has parallel veins identified by rock chip sampling, which are outside the area of Mestiza Vein Set's MRE. The MRE of the deposit can potentially be increased in size with further drilling.

Figure 1. The Location of the Fully Permitted Mestiza Open Pits in Relation to the Permitted Mine Infrastructure. Open Pit Mineral Resources Shown in Blue.

#### About the Infill Drilling

The first phase of 3371.58 m of infill drilling has 'tightened-up' the drill spacing from a mix of 50 m to 100 m spacing to a regular 50 m along strike and 50 m down-dip grid. A second phase of approximately 4500 m of infill drilling to 25 m along strike and 50 m down-dip spacing is currently underway in the area of the principal open pit resource on the Tatiana Vein. The objective of the drilling program is to further improve the confidence of the geological model and future mine schedules, aiming to upgrade a significant proportion of the 85,000 oz gold open pit MRE in the Inferred category to the Indicated category.

#### Discussion of the Assay Results

Assay results are generally consistent with the previous wider spaced drilling. High-grade gold intercepts have been returned from the drill holes that infill between previous high-grade intercepts, and are interpreted to demonstrate good continuity of gold mineralization in the area. (Table 1 below shows the top 8 drill intercepts to-date). The Company notes that the best drill intercept from Mestiza Open Pit to-date has been of returned at the base of the principal open pit with 3.90 m (3.6 m true width) at 29.1 g/t gold from 105.70 m in drill hole LIDC471. This is supported approximately 50 m up-dip and 25 m along strike by an intercept of 4.5m (4.11m true width) at 15.23g/t gold from 47.8m drill depth (drill hole LIDC514). The second phase of infill drilling to 25 m along strike by 50 m down-dip drill sample spacing in the areas of the open pits is underway with the goal to add further confidence to the geological model and mineral resource estimate.

Table 1. Top eight gold intercepts from drilling at Mestiza's Tatiana vein.

	Drill hole ID	Intercept From (m)	Intercept To (m)	Interval (m)	True Width (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	True grade-width (gm/t)
1	LIDC471	105.70	109.60	3.90	3.6	29.09	51	104.4
2	LIDC344	76.70	80.00	3.30	2.4	28.34	39	68.4
3	LIDC514	47.80	52.30	4.50	4.1	15.23	23	62.6
4	LIDC358	160.50	164.05	3.55	2.6	23.34	67	60.6
5	LIDC365	142.60	146.20	3.60	3.3	13.72	14	45.5

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7 LIDC360	40.30	43.40	3.10	2.6	14.44	29	38.0
8 LIDC500	206.05	208.92	2.87	2.7	13.91	15	37.7

Table 2 Mineral Resource Estimate - Mestiza Vein Set (January 2019)

## SRK MESTIZA MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENT SPLIT PER VEIN as of January 2019 (3),(4),(5)

Category	Area Name	Vein Name	Cut-Off	gold		silver	
				Tonnes (kt)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Gold (Koz)	Silver Grade (g/t)
Indicated	Mestiza veinset	Tatiana	0.5 g/t (OP)	92	12.1	36	19.5
		Tatiana	2.0 g/t (UG)	118	5.5	21	11.3
		Tatiana <sup>(1)</sup>	0.5 g/t (OP)	220	6.6	47	13.6
		Tatiana <sup>(2)</sup>	2.0 g/t (UG)	615	3.9	77	8.8
Inferred	Mestiza veinset	Buenos Aires <sup>(1)</sup>	0.5 g/t (OP)	120	9.8	38	
		Buenos Aires <sup>(2)</sup>	2.0 g/t (UG)	188	7.1	43	
		Espenito <sup>(2)</sup>	2.0 g/t (UG)	181	8.4	49	

(1) The Mestiza pits are amenable to open pit mining and the Mineral Resource Estimates are constrained within Whittaker optimised pits, which SRK based on the following parameters: A Gold price of USD1,500 per ounce of gold with no adjustments. Prices are based on experience gained from other SRK Projects. Metallurgical recovery assumptions of 91 percent for gold are based on testwork conducted to date. Marginal costs of USD19.36/t for processing, USD5.69/t G&A and USD2.35/t for mining, slope angles defined by the Company Geotechnical study of 45°, haul cost of USD1.25/t was added to the Mestiza ore tonnes to consider transportation to the plant.

(2) Underground mineral resources beneath the open pit are reported at a cut-off grade of 2.0 g/t over a minimum width of 1.0m. Cut-off grades are based on a price of USD1,500 per ounce of gold and gold recoveries of 91 percent for resources. Marginal costs of USD19.36/t for processing, USD4.55/t G&A and USD50.0/t for mining, without considering revenues from other metals.

(3) Mineral Resources are not Ore Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate and have been used to derive sub-totals, totals and weighted averages. Such calculations inherently involve a degree of rounding and consequently introduce a margin of error. Where these occur, SRK does not consider them to be material. All composites have been capped where appropriate. The Concession is wholly owned by and exploration is operated by [Condor Gold plc](#)

(4) The reporting standard adopted for the reporting of the MRE uses the terminology, definitions and guidelines given in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (2014) as required by NI 43-101.

(5) SRK Completed a site inspection to the deposit by Mr Benjamin Parsons, MSc (MAusIMM(CP), Membership Number 222568, an appropriate "independent qualified person" as this term is defined in National Instrument 43-101.

Table 3. New drill intercepts on the Tatiana vein from the 2021 infill drilling campaign.

True width is an interpretation based on the current interpretation of the veins and may be revised in the future.

\*Note: Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratories, Canada. [www.bureauveritas.com/um](http://www.bureauveritas.com/um) was used for the drill assay results.

Notes:

1. The sample chain of custody is managed by the Condor's Geology Team on site. Reported results are from diamond drilled core samples. Intervals of core to be analysed are split into half using a mechanized core cutter, with one half sent to the Laboratory for geochemical analysis and the remaining half kept in storage for future reference and uses. Diamond drilled core has been a HQ size and recoveries are consistently 100% across all drill holes intercept reported.
2. Sampling and analytical procedures are subject to a comprehensive quality assurance and quality control program. The QAQC program involves insertion of duplicate samples, blanks and certified reference materials in the sample stream. Gold analyses are performed by standard fire assaying protocols using a 50-gram charge with atomic absorption (AAS) finish and a gravimetric finish performed for assays greater than 10 grams per tonne.
3. Sample preparation and analysis are performed by the independent Bureau Veritas Laboratories, Canada. Samples are crushed and prepared in Managua and pulp samples for fire assay are dispatched to Vancouver, Canada. The Laboratory meets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 & ISO 9001, and employs a Laboratory Information Management System for sample tracking, quality control and reporting.

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About Condor Gold plc:

[Condor Gold plc](#) was admitted to AIM in May 2006 and dual listed on the TSX in January 2018. The Company is a gold exploration and development company with a focus on Nicaragua.

In August 2018, the Company announced that the Ministry of the Environment in Nicaragua had granted the Environmental Permit ("EP") for the development, construction and operation of a processing plant with capacity to process up to 2,800 tonnes per day at its wholly-owned La India gold project ("La India Project"). The EP is considered the master permit for mining operations in Nicaragua.

La India Project contains a Mineral Resource of 9,850 Kt at 3.6 g/t gold for 1.14 M oz gold in the Indicated category and 8,479 Kt at 4.3 g/t gold for 1.18 M oz gold in the Inferred category. A gold price of \$1,500/oz and a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t and 2.0 g/t gold were assumed for open pit and underground resources, respectively. A cut-off grade of 1.5 g/t gold was furthermore applied within a part of the Inferred Resource. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no

certainty that any part of the Mineral Resources will be converted to Mineral Reserves.

Environmental Permits were granted in April and May 2020 for the Mestiza and America open pits respectively, both located close to La India. The Mestiza open pit hosts 92 Kt at a grade of 12.1 g/t gold (36,000 oz contained gold) in the Indicated Mineral Resource category and 341 Kt at a grade of 7.7 g/t gold (85,000 oz contained gold) in the Inferred Mineral Resource category. The America open pit hosts 114 Kt at a grade of 8.1 g/t gold (30,000 oz) in the Indicated Mineral Resource category and 677 Kt at a grade of 3.1 g/t gold (67,000 oz) in the Inferred Mineral Resource category. Following the permitting of the Mestiza and America open pits, together with the La India open pit Condor has 1.12 M oz gold open pit Mineral Resources permitted for extraction.

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#### Qualified Persons

The Mineral Resource Estimate has been completed by Ben Parsons, a Principal Consultant (Resource Geology) with SRK Consulting (U.S.) Inc, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, MAusIMM(CP). He has some nineteen years' experience in the exploration, definition and mining of precious and base metals. Ben Parsons is a full-time employee of SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc, an independent consultancy, and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the type of activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a "qualified person" as defined under National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") of the Canadian Securities Administrators and as required by the June 2009 Edition of the AIM Note for Mining and Oil & Gas Companies. Ben Parsons consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears and confirms that this information is accurate and not false or misleading.

The Qualified Persons responsible for the Technical Report are Dr Tim Lucks of SRK Consulting (UK) Limited, and Mr Fernando Rodrigues, Mr Stephen Taylor and Mr Ben Parsons of SRK Consulting (U.S.) Inc. Mr Parsons assumes responsibility for the MRE, Mr Rodrigues the open pit mining aspects, Mr Taylor the underground mining aspects and Dr Lucks for the oversight of the remaining technical disciplines and compilation of the report.

The technical and scientific information in this press release has been reviewed, verified and approved by Gerald D. Crawford, P.E., who is a "qualified person" as defined by NI 43-101 and is the Chief Technical Officer of [Condor Gold plc](#)

The technical and scientific information in this press release has been reviewed, verified and approved by Andrew Cheatle, P.Geol., who is a "qualified person" as defined by NI 43-101.

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All statements in this press release, other than statements of historical fact, are 'forward-looking information' with respect to the Company within the meaning of applicable securities laws, including statements with respect to: the ongoing mining dilution and pit optimisation studies, and the incorporation of same into any mining production schedule, future development and production plans at La India Project. Forward-looking information is often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as: "seek", "anticipate", "plan", "continue", "strategies", "estimate", "expect", "project", "predict", "potential", "targeting", "intends", "believe", "potential", "could", "might", "will" and similar expressions. Forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and is based upon a number of estimates and assumptions of management at the date the statements are made including, among others, assumptions regarding: future commodity prices and royalty regimes; availability of skilled labour; timing and amount of capital expenditures; future currency exchange and interest rates; the impact of increasing competition; general conditions in economic and financial markets; availability of drilling and related equipment; effects of regulation by governmental agencies; the receipt of required permits; royalty rates; future tax rates; future operating costs; availability of

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## Technical Glossary

Assay	The laboratory test conducted to determine the proportion of a mineral within a rock or other material. Usually reported as parts per million which is equivalent to grams of the mineral (i.e. gold)
Ag	Silver
Au	Gold
Breccia	A fragmental rock, composed of rounded to angular broken rock fragments held together by a cement or in a fine-grained matrix. They can be formed by igneous, tectonic, sedimentary or metamorphic processes.
Down-dip	Further down towards the deepest parts of an ore body or zone of mineralisation.
Epithermal	Mineral veins and ore deposited from fluids at shallow depths at low pressure and temperatures of 50-300°C.
Fault	The plane along which two rock masses have moved or slide against each other in opposite directions.
Foot wall	Originally a miner's term to refer to the rock below the mineralised zone that they exploited. In the case of a steeply-dipping tabular ore or mineralised bodies the foot wall will be inclined nearer to the vertical than horizontal.
Grade	The proportion of a mineral within a rock or other material. For gold mineralisation this is usually expressed in grams of gold per tonne of rock (g/t)
g/t	grams per tonne
Indicated Mineral Resource	That part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, densities, shape, physical characteristics, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a reasonable level of confidence. It is based on exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, pits, workings and drill holes. The locations are too widely or inappropriately spaced to confirm continuity and/or grade continuity but are spaced closely enough for continuity to be assumed.
Inferred Mineral Resource	That part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a low level of confidence. It is inferred from geological evidence and assumed but not verified by sampling. It is based on information gathered through appropriate techniques from outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that may be limited, or of uncertain quality or distribution.
Hanging wall	Originally a miner's term to refer to the rock above the mineralised zone that they exploited. In the case of a steeply-dipping tabular ore or mineralised bodies the hanging wall will be inclined nearer to the horizontal than vertical.
Kt	Thousand tonnes

Mineral Resource	A concentration or occurrence of material of economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such quality, and quantity that there are reasonable and realistic prospects for eventual economic extraction, taking into account location, quantity, grade, continuity and other geological characteristics of a Mineral Resource. It is estimated from specific geological knowledge, or interpreted from a well constrained and predictive geological model.
NI 43-101	Canadian National Instrument 43-101 a common standard for reporting of identified mineral reserves
Open pit mining	A method of extracting minerals from the earth by excavating downwards from the surface. The mineral is extracted in the open air (as opposed to underground mining).
Quartz veins	Deposit of quartz rock that develop in fractures and fissures in the surrounding rock. They contain saturated geothermal liquids rising to the surface through the cracks in the rock and then crystallising into the shape of the cracks that they fill.
Stockwork	Multiple connected veins with more than one orientation, typically consisting of millimetre to centimetre wide fracture-fill veins and veinlets.
Strike length	The longest horizontal dimension of an ore body or zone of mineralisation.
Vein	A sheet-like body of crystallised minerals within a rock, generally forming in a discontinuity between two rock masses. Economic concentrations of gold are often contained within vein mineralisation.

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