

Superior Gold Announces Q1 2022 Production Results And Cash Position

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MILL 15-DAY MAINTENANCE SHUTDOWN WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITH FURTHER GROWTH BEING TARGETED FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2022

TORONTO, April 19, 2022 - [Superior Gold Inc.](#) ("Superior Gold" or the "Company") (TSXV: SGI) (OTCMKTS: SUPGF) announces detailed production results for the first quarter of 2022 for the Company's 100%-owned Plutonic Gold operations, located in Western Australia.

First Quarter Highlights

- Production of 16,747 ounces, a 5% decrease over the comparable prior-year period and on-plan due to the two-week mill preventative maintenance shut down
- Safety performance improved recording a 21% reduction in total injury frequency rate during the period. Our safety improvement program is progressing and on track
- COVID-19 impacting Western Australian operations as cases spike with the opening of borders. Controls are in place to help minimize the impact at Plutonic
- Planned, 15-day mill maintenance shutdown completed safely and on time
- Production guidance of 80,000 to 90,000 ounces maintained with increased production targeted for the remainder of 2022 as originally planned
- Cash and cash equivalents of \$20 million, above plan but a decrease of \$4 million from the end of the fourth quarter, due to the timing of gold sold versus produced, the planned two-week shutdown in March, and the buildup of open-pit stockpiles during the mill shutdown

Chris Jordaan, President, and CEO of Superior Gold stated: "Despite completing the planned and scheduled preventative maintenance mill shut down, we still delivered a strong quarter, maintaining a solid cash position of \$20 million that surpassed management's expectations. We had planned for the first quarter to be our softest this year, as noted in previous news releases. However, stope grades were in line with plan, and tonnes hoisted from underground exceeded our plan for the quarter, with increases expected for the remainder of the year as we develop into newly defined mineralized zones and enter Main Pit Deeps.

The health and safety of our employees is paramount to Management, the Board, and the Company. In late 2021 we instituted a program to improve safety awareness and ensure a safe working environment with the goal of reducing injuries and risk at the Plutonic Mine operation. The program has delivered early success, and we have noted a marked reduction in the injury frequency rate in the first quarter. COVID-19 cases and exposures increased during the first quarter as Western Australian borders opened. COVID-19 is expected to continue to challenge Western Australian operations into the next quarter. In-transit and on-site controls are in place to ensure cases on-site are minimized to reduce the impact.

We are targeting production and cash flow increases in the three subsequent quarters of 2022 and are confirming our annual guidance of 80,000-90,000 ounces.

The mill shutdown was a success and consistent with the Company's strategy to invest in the fixed plant for long-term reliable and sustainable operations, providing the opportunity to increase throughput to the mill to its installed capacity. This will be considered as the Company moves toward increased underground tonnage in the latter half of 2022 and through the addition of higher-grade open pit feed from the early entry into Main Pit Deeps.

The Company also continues to benefit from block model improvements designed to better predict the spatial positioning of the ore at Plutonic and the identification of larger more productive stopes to be developed and mined. This is evidenced by the continued increase in tonnage mined from underground stopes in each quarter of 2021 as well as a 35% increase in stope tonnage production over the same period in 2020. Tonnages available to be milled from the open pits continue to augment underground tonnages with the first quarter tonnes mined being 38% higher than the same period in 2020.

In 2021, the Company delivered on the first goal of its growth strategy, namely a safe and sustainable operation between 70,000-85,000 ounces per annum. In 2022 the Company will progress towards delivering the second goal of its growth strategy to deliver an operation of scale. The first phase of this goal is to increase production to an annualized rate of approximately 100,000 ounces per annum in the second half of the year by increasing production from the underground mine and identifying and mining higher grade open-pit targets in Main Pit Deeps and other near-mill open pits.

Our 2022 guidance reflects additional investment to open new underground mining fronts identified from our successful 2021 exploration program, plus the continued development and mining of open pit targets, which is expected to result in an improvement in our grade profile. In 2022, 30% of ore from the Plutonic underground mine is expected from new mining fronts as compared to 100% remnant mining in 2021. These investments are designed to improve on the Company's strategy to fully optimize the underground operation and when combined with the addition of new sources of open-pit feed, are expected to positively contribute to the Company's overall profitability."

The Company will be releasing its complete financial and operating results for the first quarter of 2022 in May 2022.

First Quarter 2022 Production Details

Preliminary production details are summarized in the table below.

Operating Parameters ¹	Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2022
Stope material mined (Tonnes)	137,191	185,540
Stope grade mined (g/t Au)	3.54	2.58
Development material mined (Tonnes)	49,771	34,306
Development grade mined (g/t Au)	1.30	1.06
Surface material milled (Tonnes) ²	154,089	143,149
Surface material grade (g/t Au) ²	0.41	0.65
Total material milled (Tonnes)	355,678	359,872
Grade milled (g/t Au)	1.78	1.71
Gold recovery (%)	86	85
Gold Produced (ounces)	17,603	16,747
Gold Sold (ounces)	17,538	15,823
Cash and Cash Equivalents (\$ million)	17.9	19.9

¹Numbers may not add due to rounding.

²Surface material milled in Q1 2022 is primarily the processing of open pit material from Perch.
Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Etienne Du Plessis, who is a "qualified person" as defined by NI 43-101. Mr. Du Plessis is not independent of the Company within the meaning of NI 43-101.

About Superior Gold

Superior Gold is a Canadian-based gold producer that owns 100% of the Plutonic Gold Operations located in Western Australia. The Plutonic Gold Operations include the Plutonic underground gold mine and central mill, numerous open-pit projects including the Plutonic Main Pit push-back project, the Hermes open pit projects, and an interest in the Bryah Basin joint venture. Superior Gold is focused on expanding production at the Plutonic Gold Operations and building an intermediate gold producer with superior returns for shareholders.

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