

# Anacortes Reports Significant Near-Surface Gold Intercepts in First Two Holes at Tres Cruces Phase 1 Drilling Program

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Highlights include 123m of 2.11 g/t gold in Hole ATC-501 and 23.80m of 1.75 g/t in Hole ATC-500

Vancouver, July 19, 2022 - [Anacortes Mining Corp.](#) (TSXV: XYZ) (OTCQX: XYZFF) ("Anacortes" or the "Company") is pleased to announce drill results from the first two completed diamond drill holes at Tres Cruces. Both holes demonstrate the near-surface high grade continuity of the deposit and represent the first two of 22 planned drill holes currently underway in the prolific Quiruvilca Mining District in northern Perú.

## Highlights:

- ATC-500 intersected two significant near-surface gold intervals within the proposed oxide pit:
  - 35.9 meters grading 0.64 g/t gold from 8.0 m downhole;
  - 23.8 meters grading 1.75 g/t gold from 49.20 m downhole.
- ATC-501 intersected two significant gold intervals within a broad 210 m intercept of 1.88 g/t gold:
  - 82.55 meters grading 1.62 g/t gold from 28.35 m downhole;
  - 123.10 meters grading 2.11 g/t gold from 115 m downhole;
  - Highly anomalous gold and silver mineralization (0.15 g/t Au and 5.9 g/t Ag) from 239 m to EOH at 496.3 m.

ATC-500 is an infill hole with the objective of confirming gold grade, lithology, alteration, and metallurgical material type from the surrounding reverse circulation drill holes (RTC-003, RTC-222, and RTC-238) and core hole DTC-222. ATC-500 was drilled to a final depth of 150 m and intersected three significant intervals [1] tabulated in the Drill Results Table below. ATC-500 fulfilled the objective confirming the gold grade and other geologic characteristics previously described above, see Figure 1 and Figure 3.

ATC-501 is a twin hole to confirm gold grade, lithology, alteration, and metallurgical material type reported in reverse circulation drill hole RTC-255. The hole was drilled to a final depth of 496.30 m. The significant intervals are tabulated in the Drill Results Table below. ATC-501, see Figure 2 and Figure 3.

Jim Currie, CEO of Anacortes Mining stated: "These first two holes confirm the excellent continuity of near-surface high grade gold within the oxides while the deeper drilling and associated grades suggest excellent potential remains at depth within the sulphides. Assays for the next five holes will be released when they are available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, drilling is on hiatus until early-August to allow the drill crews to have a rest break and enable our exploration team to catch up on logging and storage of the core".

## Drill Results Table

Hole	Azimuth / dip (degrees) / Final depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Lithology / Alteration	Gold (g/t)
ATC-500		8.00 m	43.90 m	35.90 m	Andesite / Massive Silica	0.64
ATC-500	10° / -55° / 150.0 m	49.20 m	73.00 m	23.80 m	Andesite / Argillic	1.75
ATC-500		85.00 m	150.00 m	65.00 m	Andesite / Argillic	0.66
ATC-501		28.35 m	110.90 m	82.55 m	Andesite / Massive Silica	1.62
ATC-501		115.50 m	238.60 m	123.10 m	Andesite / Argillic	2.11
ATC-501	270° / -85° / 496.30 m	326.10 m	330.50m	4.40 m	Andesite / Argillic	0.70
ATC-501		415.75 m	418.60 m	2.85 m	Andesite / Argillic	0.50
ATC-501		454.20 m	458.65 m	4.45 m	Andesite / Argillic	0.34

#### Figure 1: Cross Section ATC-500

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#### Figure 2: Cross Section ATC-501

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#### Figure 3: ATC-500 and ATC-501

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#### Quality Assurance

The drilling program is being run by personnel from the Company's 100%-owned Peruvian subsidiary Aurifera Tres Cruces S.A. ("ATC").

All Anacortes sample assay results have been monitored through a rigorous quality control / quality assurance ("QA/QC") protocol which includes the random insertion of blind standards, coarse blanks, pulp blanks, pulp duplicate and reject duplicate samples. Samples will be randomly selected and sent for check assaying at a second laboratory as a further check as the drill program progresses. Logging and sampling are conducted at Anacortes's core handling facility located in Trujillo, Peru. Drill core is diamond sawn at the Trujillo facility. The half drill-core samples are securely transported to ALS Global's Peruvian subsidiary, ALS Perú S.A, in Lima, Peru, where the samples are crushed, pulverized, and analyzed. The gold content is determined by fire assay of a 50-gram charge, with Atomic Absorption finish. Silver and other elements are determined by ICP analysis. Samples reporting 5 g/t or more gold are assayed with a gravimetric finish. Samples with a reported gold value 0.2 g/t or more undergo a cyanide leach assay for gold, silver and copper. Anacortes is not aware of any drilling, sampling, recovery, or other factors that could materially affect the accuracy or reliability of the data referred to herein. ALS laboratories is independent of Anacortes.

#### About Anacortes

Anacortes is a new growth-oriented gold company in the Americas, which owns a 100-per-cent interest in the Tres Cruces gold project located in Peru. Tres Cruces is one of the highest-grade oxide deposits globally and hosts oxide plus sulphide indicated resources of 2,474,000 oz at 1.65 g/t gold, inclusive of 630,000 oz of high-grade leachable gold at 1.28 g/t gold and inferred resources of 104,000 oz at 1.26 g/t gold. The recently released PEA on the leachable resource at Tres Cruces indicates a robust open-pit, heap leach project. Anacortes is well capitalized and intends to aggressively advance the Tres Cruces Oxide Project through feasibility, permitting and to production as quickly as possible. Additionally, Anacortes will continue to seek further growth opportunities in the Americas, with the goal of creating the next mid-tier multi-asset gold producer.

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advance the development of the oxide resource, its expectation that its proposed drill program can test the extent of the deposit and increase confidence in the resource, the design of the project as contemplated in the PEA, the Company's plans to conduct an extensive metallurgical program during 2022 and its expectation that such a program would confirm recovery and, finally, the Company's intent to aggressively advance Tres Cruces through feasibility and to production under a heap leach open-pit scenario. Often, but not always, these Forward-looking Statements can be identified by the use of words such as "anticipated", "estimated", "potential", "open", "future", "assumed", "projected", "used", "detailed", "has been", "gain", "planned", "reflecting", "will", "anticipated", "estimated", "containing", "remaining", "to be", or statements that event, "could" or "should" occur or be achieved and similar expressions, including negative variations.

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#### Qualified Person

The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and validated by James ("Jim") Currie, P. Eng., a qualified person as that term is defined in National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Currie is the President and CEO of [Anacortes Mining Corp.](#)

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<sup>[1]</sup> Significant interval is calculated and reported using a 0.3 g/t gold cutoff value.

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