

Marathon Gold Provides Summer 2022 Prospecting Update

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TORONTO, Oct. 06, 2022 - [Marathon Gold Corp.](#) ("Marathon" or the "Company"; TSX: MOZ) is pleased to provide an update on exploration work ongoing at the Valentine Gold Project in central Newfoundland ("Valentine" or the "Project").

During 2022, Marathon has been engaged in a program of exploration drilling at the Berry and Victory Deposits, and prospecting for new discovery. Summer prospecting has comprised geological mapping, outcrop and float sampling, and till and soil sampling in the "Eastern Arm Area", a 13 kilometre section of the Valentine Lake Shear Zone between the Victory Deposit and the property's eastern boundary. This area has long been considered to be prospective for gold mineralization, but has not previously been explored. Of note:

- Granitoid rocks of the Valentine Lake Intrusive Suite, the host of the gold mineralization at Valentine, have now been mapped along the full extent of the Valentine Lake Shear Zone to the property's eastern boundary, greatly increasing the future exploration potential of the Property; and
- Numerous occurrences of quartz-tourmaline-pyrite veining have been identified within this area, both in float and outcrop. Full assay and geochemical data are outstanding, although initial grab samples are showing anomalous gold values indicating a gold-association with the vein mineralization.

Matt Manson, President and CEO, commented: "We are reporting today highly promising prospecting results from our summer 2022 exploration program. We have now mapped the host geology for Valentine-style gold mineralization to the furthest eastern extent of the property. This has been previously assumed but never confirmed. Within this "Eastern Arm" area we are seeing numerous occurrences of classic quartz-tourmaline-pyrite shear and extensional veining in float and outcrop. Prospecting such as this led to the original discovery of the Leprechaun and Marathon Deposits at the Property, between which the Berry Deposit was discovered through step-out drilling. The new area under exploration, at approximately 13 kilometres in length, is twice the scale of the 6-kilometre corridor that hosts these three million-ounce-plus mineral deposits. Each of the indicators that led to the discovery of these deposits at Valentine Lake are here in the Eastern Arm. This latest prospecting work is at an early stage, and full geochemical data on the samples collected are outstanding. We are encouraged by the work completed to date and the implications for further new discoveries that it represents."

Gold Mineralization at the Valentine Gold Project

Gold mineralization at the Valentine Gold Project is contained in Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite-Gold ("QTP-Au") veins developed within granitoid rocks of the Valentine Lake Intrusive Suite ("VLIS") on the hanging wall, or northwest, side of the Valentine Lake Shear Zone ("VLSZ"; Figure 1). Up to four orientations of veins have been measured, with shallowly southwest dipping "Set 1" QTP-Au veins observed to be dominant in both abundance and gold content. At the Leprechaun, Marathon and Berry Deposits, Set 1 QTP-Au veins form densely stacked corridors of mineralization referred to as "Main Zones". The extent and scale of these mineralised corridors appear related to the size and frequency of sheared mafic dykes which extend northeast-southwest within the granitoid rocks, parallel to the shear zone. In addition to the dominant en-echelon Set 1 veins found in the other deposits, the Victory Deposit displays networked tourmaline veining which infills fracturing in the granitoid intrusives. In addition to Main Zones within the five Mineral Deposits, QTPV-Au mineralization has been identified in numerous showings along the VLSZ, demonstrating near continuous development of mineralization along the currently explored VLSZ. These include the Frank, Rainbow, Scott, Triangle, Narrows and Victory SW Zones (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Location Map, Valentine Gold Project -

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Summer 2022 Prospecting Program

The Summer 2022 prospecting program comprised primary field reconnaissance, mapping, and sampling over approximately 9 kilometres of the 13 kilometre interval of the VLSZ between the Victory Deposit and the eastern property boundary. The area immediately proximal to the Victory Deposit was not accessible during this program. Previous provincial government survey mapping in this area has shown the granitoid rocks of the VLIS pinching out against the metasedimentary rocks of the Rogerson Lake Conglomerate ("RLC"; Figure 2, Top), limiting the area's potential for VLIS-hosted gold mineralization, and no detailed geological work had been conducted until now.

The latest field mapping shows that the VLIS continues in shear contact with the RLC along the full extent of the property to its eastern boundary, opening up an extensive new area for prospecting (Figure 2, Bottom). Within this area, Marathon's teams conducted north-south till and soil sampling traverses at a one-kilometre interval, and collected 225 field samples of float, sub-crop or outcrop, many showing vein mineralization (Table 1).

Of these samples, an anomalous cluster of samples showing clear quartz-tourmaline-pyrite veining were identified within the VLIS and in close proximity to the VLSZ. These samples include outcrop of en-echelon stacked veins, shear and extensional veins, and veins with coarse pyrite ("Area of Interest", Figure 3). These are all features of the principal mineralised deposits of the Project. 32 element ICP-MS data are outstanding on all samples. Initial gold-only analyses on selected rock samples showing QTPV veining indicate anomalous gold values in the 20-40 ppb range.

Figure 2: Mapping and sampling in the Eastern Arm area, before (top) and after (bottom) the Summer 2022 program, with an identified "Area of Interest" comprising clustered QTP vein samples in float and outcrop. - <https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/9ee37514-9b1d-4cf7-bca8-4102cb84803e>

Table 1: 2022 Prospecting and Sampling Work Completed. QTP vein samples may have, variously, Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite, Quartz-Tourmaline, or Quartz-Pyrite assemblages.

Lines Traversed (km)	Total Rock Samples Collected	QTP Vein Rock Samples in Outcrop or Sub-crop	QTP Vein Rock
128	225	10	49

Figure 3: Field Occurrences of QTP veining in the Eastern Arm Area, Valentine Gold Project. Left: granitoid outcrop with up to seven 0.5-3 cm Quartz-Tourmaline veins in stacked configuration. Middle: Classic Valentine extensional Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite vein in outcrop. Right: coarse pyrite in Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite vein float sample. - <https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/acc9ff34-3ed9-4792-bc6a-43bf4de2a12b>

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About Marathon

Marathon (TSX:MOZ) is a Toronto based gold company advancing its 100%-owned Valentine Gold Project located in the central region of Newfoundland and Labrador, one of the top mining jurisdictions in the world. The Project comprises a series of five mineralized deposits along a 20-kilometre system. An April 2021 Feasibility Study outlined an open pit mining and conventional milling operation over a thirteen-year mine life with a 31.5% after-tax rate of return. The Project has estimated Proven Mineral Reserves of 1.40 Moz (29.68 Mt at 1.46 g/t) and Probable Mineral Reserves of 0.65 Moz (17.38 Mt at 1.17 g/t). Total Measured Mineral Resources (inclusive of the Mineral Reserves) comprise 1.92 Moz (32.59 Mt at 1.83 g/t) with Indicated Mineral Resources (inclusive of the Mineral Reserves) of 1.22 Moz (24.07 Mt at 1.57 g/t). Additional Inferred Mineral Resources are 1.64 Moz (29.59 Mt at 1.72 g/t Au). Please see Marathon's Annual Information Form

for the year ended December 31, 2021 and other filings made with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and available at www.sedar.com for further details and assumptions relating to the Valentine Gold Project.

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