

Orvana Reports Q1 FY2023 Production And Provides Exploration Update

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TORONTO, Jan. 16, 2023 /CNW/ - [Orvana Minerals Corp.](#) (TSX: ORV) (the "Company" or "Orvana") is pleased to report production results and drilling updates from Orovalle, Orvana's unit in Spain, for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023 ("Q1 FY2023), being the period ended December 31, 2022.

Highlights

- Q1 2023 production of 13,815 gold equivalent ounces
- 2,868 m of infill drilling in Orovalle, Spain
- 733 m of greenfield drilling in Orovalle, Spain

Juan Gavidia, CEO of Orvana stated: "We successfully completed the quarter by achieving production levels at El Valle that keep us on target for our FY2023 guidance, while continuing our aggressive brownfield and greenfield exploration program in Spain, aimed to replenish depletion, quarter per quarter".

Q1 2023 Production Results

- 10,711 gold ounces produced, on track to meet fiscal year 2023 guidance of 46,000 - 51,000 Oz.
- 1.2 million copper pounds produced, on track to meet fiscal year 2023 guidance of 4,000 - 4,400 Oz.

	Q1 FY2023	Q4 FY2022	Q1 FY2022	FY 2023 Guidance
Ore milled (tonnes)	156,681	174,493	176,288	
Gold Equivalent (oz)	13,815	15,344	15,921	
Gold				
Grade (g/t)	2.30	2.36	2.27	
Recovery (%)	92.5	92.7	91.2	
Production (oz)	10,711	12,272	11,731	46,000 - 51,000
Copper				
Grade (%)	0.43	0.40	0.45	
Recovery (%)	82.6	83.2	83.7	
Production (K lbs)	1,216	1,267	1,451	4,000 - 4,400

Q1 FY2023 Drilling Update

Drilling Summary	Infill (m)	Greenfield (m)	TOTAL (m)
Ortosa-Godán	-	733	733
El Valle Boinás			
Boinas South (SB)	2,868	-	2,868
TOTAL	2,868	733	3,601

Table 1. Orovalle Drilling Q1 FY2023

FY2023 Greenfield Drilling Program

Greenfield drilling program will continue focused on Ortosa-Godán and Lidia, with a total of 4,300 meters planned for the fiscal year.

Ortosa-Godán Project is located close to Carlés mine, three kilometers northwest and into the same gold belt. Orovalle commenced the drilling program in Ortosa West in August 2021 to define skarns continuity and to verify mineralization related to N40°E structures. A total of 14 drill holes were completed up to date with 5,716 meters. 3,800 meters are planned for FY2023 focused on defining skarn mineralization in Ortosa West and Godan areas.

Lidia Project is located in the Navelgas Gold Belt, 20 km from El Valle mine. Gold porphyry Lidia Project occurs within the easternmost part of the Navelgas fracture systems. A granodiorite intrusive outcrops over an area of approximately 1 km². It is dissected by a set of northeast trending mineralized quartz veins and affected by different alteration phases.

A total of 2,421 meters in 5 drill holes were completed between fiscal years 2021 and 2022, confirming the presence of gold in the granodiorite. A drilling campaign with 500 meters is planned for the second half of fiscal 2023, with the target to extend the orebody definition to the North.

FY2023 Infill-Brownfield Drilling Program

11,500 meters are planned for FY2023 in El Valle-Boinás, focused on Inferred material conversion and oxide mineral definition in the North of the deposit.

Quality Control

Greenfield drill hole samples were sent to an external laboratory (ALS Laboratory) for analyses. Infill and brownfield drill holes samples were analyzed in Orovalle's Laboratory.

Sample preparation was carried out at the El Valle facility. All diamond core samples have been prepared using the following procedure, once split:

The core samples are dried at a temperature of 105°C and then crushed through a jaw crusher to 95% < 6 mm. The coarse-crushed sample is further reduced to 95% < 425 microns using an LM5 bowl-and-puck pulverizer. An Essa rotary splitter is used to take a 450 g to 550 g sub-sample of each split for pulverizing. The remaining reject portion is bagged and stored. The sample is reduced to a nominal -200 mesh using an LM2 bowl-and-puck pulverizer. 140 g sub-samples are split using a special vertical-sided scoop to cut channels through the sample which has been spread into a pancake on a sampling mat. Samples are then sent to the laboratory for gold and base metal analysis. Leftover pulp is bagged and stored.

After sample preparation, 30g samples are analyzed for Au by fire assay with an atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) finish and two-gram samples for Ag, As, Bi, Cu, Hg, Pb, Sb, Se, and Zn by ICP-optical

emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) after an aqua regia digestion.

In case of the samples sent to an external laboratory, 30 g samples are analyzed for Au by fire assay with an atomic absorption (Au AA-25) and 35 elements by ICP (ME-ICP41) after an aqua regia digestion. When Au and Ag values are >100 ppm and Cu and As values are >10,000 ppm, specific analysis methods are used to determine the final grade.

The reported work has been completed using industry standard procedures, including a quality assurance/quality control ("QA/QC") program consisting of the insertion of certified reference material, blanks and duplicate samples into the sample stream.

The exploration update was prepared under the supervision of Guadalupe Collar Menéndez, a qualified person for the purposes of NI 43-101 and an employee of Orovalle Minerals S.L., a subsidiary of Orvana.

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ABOUT ORVANA - Orvana is a multi-mine gold-copper-silver company. Orvana's assets consist of the producing El Valle and Carlés gold-copper-silver mines in northern Spain, the Don Mario gold-silver property in Bolivia, currently in care and maintenance, and the Taguas property located in Argentina. Additional information is available at Orvana's website (www.orvana.com).

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