

Freegold Announces Positive Metallurgical Results from Golden Summit

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- An average gold recovery of 77% from eight composites using conventional processing techniques - gravity and CIL (carbon-in-leach)
- 97% using gravity + flotation.
- A flowsheet of gravity-flotation-CIL on reground concentrate yields 72% gold recovery along with a high mass desulfurized tailings stream
- Further optimization studies are underway.

VANCOUVER, June 12, 2024 - [Freegold Ventures Ltd.](#) (TSX: FVL) (OCTQX: FGOVF) ("Freegold" or the "Company") is pleased to announce positive results based on the initial metallurgical test work completed from the 2020 - 2022 drill program. The program's objectives were:

- Determination of gold recovery and gold department to products using standard and commercially employed mineral processing unit operations
- Initial environmental assessment of process tailing stream(s)
- Characterization of gold losses to focus ongoing metallurgical programs to optimize the flowsheet design.

Eight drill core composites representing various locations and grades within the Dolphin/Cleary areas were generated using continuous drill intervals selected to represent potential mill feed. (See map below for hole locations.) The drill hole and interval selections encompassed the three primary gold-hosting lithologies. Results demonstrate that a significant portion of the mineralization is non-refractory and amenable to conventional processing techniques. The composites were prepared using laboratory assay rejects of fresh rock intervals well below the existing oxide cap at Golden Summit. The eight drill hole composites used 1,192m of drill intercepts representing 587 continuous mineralized intervals with over 5,100kg of material. Results from individual holes demonstrate recoveries up to 87.5%. The average recovery from the eight composites was 77% using gravity and CIL. Recoveries increased to an average of 97.5% where gravity + flotation were utilized. Environmental characterization using standard ABA protocols gave a NP:AP ratio of 85:1 on the flotation tailings stream, which would classify them as non-acid generating.

Metallurgical Composite Hole Results

DDH no.	from m	to m	geochem test calc grade gold recovery %		grav/flot/regr CIL grav/CIL gravity grav+flot			
			Au g/t	Au g/t				
GS2201	441.1	648.3	1.44	1.06	88.2	87.1	45.0	99.2
GS2203	287.8	478	2.13	2.24	75.1	77.2	48.2	97.6
GS2206	383.1	586.1	1.17	1.02	80.2	87.5	42.7	97.3
GS2207	261.9	468.7	1.35	1.78	60.1	70.2	37.8	98.1
GS2208	266.3	367.2	1.33	1.48	48.1	53.3	25.3	97.5
GS2209	419	544.5	1.26	1.54	73.6	81.2	50.7	97.0
GS2168	352.7	479.5	0.75	0.83	63.7	73.2	31.1	94.3
GS2167	396.3	428	2.15	1.01	71.7	69.2	49.5	96.3
overall predicted grade			1.43					
overall calc grade/recovery from test work				1.43	72	77	42	97

The drilling success at Golden Summit since 2020 has been truly remarkable. It has significantly increased the resource and enhanced the project's potential. These positive metallurgical results further solidify Golden Summit's potential. The current pit-constrained resource at Golden Summit hosts both an oxide and a primary resource. The oxide resource is contained within the top 70% metres. Previous column testwork on the oxide material demonstrated that heap leach gold recoveries of 85% can be achieved within two weeks.

Pit Constrained OXIDE Resource using \$1,792 Gold

Cutoff Au g/t	Category	Tonnes	Au g/t	Au Ounces
0.15	Indicated	52,030,000	0.39	657,000
0.15	Inferred	18,187,000	0.47	272,000

(approximately top 70 metres)

Pit Constrained PRIMARY Resource using \$1,792 Gold: (February 2023)

Cutoff Au g/t	Category	Tonnes	Au g/t	Au Ounces
0.45	Indicated	407,544,000	0.92	12,011,000
0.45	Inferred	282,303,000	0.85	7,736,000

Following the February 2023 resource update, Freegold conducted an additional 22,000 meters of drilling in

