

Cerrado Gold Inc. Announces Q3 Gold Production Results For Its Minera Don Nicolas Mine In Argentina

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- Q3 Production of 16,604 Gold Equivalent Ounces ("GEO") vs 16,255 GEO in Q2 and 11,204 in Q1, 2024.**
- Calandrias Norte high-grade ore supplemented by additional pits extending CIL operation into 2025.**
- Production of 3,404, GEO from Heap leach operations during the quarter with a record of 1,644 GEO in August.**
- Balance sheet continues to improve, with approximately US\$12m in current liabilities repaid since March 2024.**

TORONTO, October 17, 2024 - [Cerrado Gold Inc.](#) [TSX.V:CERT][OTCQX:CRDOF] ("Cerrado" or the "Company") announces production results for the third quarter ended September, 2024 ("Q3 2024") from the Minera Don Nicolas Mine in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina ("MDN"). Full third quarter financial results are expected to be released in November 2024.

Q3 Operating Highlights

- Q3 Production of 16,604 GEO vs 16,255 GEO in Q2 and 11,204 in Q1, 2024.
- Choique and Zorro pits supplemented CIL feed from Calandrias Norte during the quarter. CIL plant will continue operating until the end of January 2025.
- Focus remains on doubling up crushing capacity at Calandrias Sur and bringing heap leach production up to 4,500 GEO per month.

Operational results for Q3 2024 demonstrated a slight increase in production over the previous quarter, highlighting stabilized operations. Ore from the Calandrias Norte high-grade open pit was exhausted but replaced by additional high-grade feed from two additional pits. In addition, the ramp up of heap leach operations continued to improve as crushing capacity continued to climb with record production of 1,644 GEO in August before a slight decline in September as some adjustments were put in place to support the overall expansion of the facilities. The performance of the Heap leach continues to depend on the crushing circuit. To maintain production rates until an additional crushing circuit is installed, two mobile crushers were added, resulting in a total crushing capacity of 300,000 tons per month. The design of a new crushing circuit is complete, and a secondary crusher has been ordered. The secondary crusher will double the capacity with a single crushing circuit supporting the ramp up in production from the heap leach operations. The installation of the secondary crusher is expected to reduce fleet and operating costs. The new circuit is expected to operate by the end of the 4th quarter, at which time the mobile crushers will be placed on stand by. Recovery rates are in line with expectations given ore on the pad to date.

The Company has also continued to make progress in improving its working capital position during the quarter, partly due to the cashflow generated by high gold prices and strong production. At quarter end, the Company's total current liabilities (including payables, loans, and amounts due to the Sellers) have been reduced by approximately US\$12MM from the end of Q1 2024, with further reductions expected in the coming quarters, strengthening the overall financial position of the Company.

Mark Brennan, CEO and Chairman commented, "Production in the third quarter remained strong over the second quarter owing to additional high-grade feed to the CIL as well as increasing production from the heap leach facility. As crushing performance continues to improve, we expect to see heap leach production continue its upward trajectory towards the targeted 4,500 GEO per month with a commensurate reduction in

operating costs."

Table 1. Key Operating Information

Review of Technical Information

The scientific and technical information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Sergio Gelcich, P.Geo., Vice President, Exploration for Cerrado Gold Inc., who is a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101.

About Cerrado

Cerrado Gold is a Toronto-based gold production, development, and exploration company focused on gold projects in South America. The Company is the 100% owner of both the producing Minera Don Nicolás and Las Calandrias mine in Santa Cruz province, Argentina, and the highly prospective Monte Do Carmo development project, located in Tocantins State, Brazil under option to Amarillo Mineração Do Brasil Ltda., a subsidiary of [Hochschild Mining plc](#). In Canada, Cerrado Gold is developing its 100% owned Mont Sorcier Iron Ore and Vanadium project located outside of Chibougamou, Quebec.

In Argentina, Cerrado is maximizing asset value at its Minera Don Nicolas operation through continued operational optimization and is growing production through its operations at the Las Calandrias Heap Leach project. An extensive campaign of exploration is ongoing to further unlock potential resources in our highly prospective land package in the heart of the Deseado Masiff.

In Canada, Cerrado holds a 100% interest in the Mont Sorcier Iron Ore and Vanadium project, which has the potential to produce a premium iron ore concentrate over a long mine life at low operating costs and low capital intensity. Furthermore, its high grade and high purity product facilitates the migration of steel producers from blast furnaces to electric arc furnaces, contributing to the decarbonization of the industry and the achievement of SDG goals.

For more information about Cerrado please visit our website at: www.cerradogold.com.

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