

## **Orca Gold Commences 2,500m Drill Programme at Morondo Discovery in Côte d'Ivoire**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Dec. 12, 2017) - Orca Gold Inc. (TSX VENTURE:ORG)("Orca" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the commencement of drilling on the Morondo Permit in Côte d'Ivoire.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Morondo, a discovery made by Red Back Mining in 2010, is a permit within Orca's 2,890km<sup>2</sup> land package in Côte d'Ivoire, 1,826km<sup>2</sup> of which the Company is in the process of acquiring from Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross") pursuant to a share purchase agreement (the "Transaction")
- In anticipation of closing the Transaction, a 2,500-metre drill programme has commenced at Morondo and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2017
- Mineralization at Morondo has a current strike length of 600m and true width up to 150m
- The current programme is reverse circulation (RC) drilling to the depth of 150m
- Drill results are expected in January 2018

### **DETAILS**

Orca executed a share purchase agreement in early 2017 with two subsidiaries of Kinross to acquire the Morondo and Korokaha North exploration licences and five other exploration license applications (see Company News Release on February 1, 2017). The Korokaha North licence and Korokaha South application lie adjacent to the east of Randgold's Tongon Mine. The Bassawa and Satama applications are located on the southern extension of the Houndé Belt. The Zuénoula Ouest and Zuénoula Est applications are located north west of Perseus's Yaoure project.

Following approval by the Minister of Industry and Mines of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for the portion of the Transaction related to Morondo (see Company News Release on November 6, 2017), the Company has commenced exploration with a 2,500m drill programme on this permit. Gold mineralization at Morondo was discovered by Red Back Mining in 2010 with 4,284m of shallow RC drilling and trenching before the company was acquired in the same year.

Morondo is the most advanced property in Côte d'Ivoire that Orca currently holds or is in the process of acquiring via the Transaction (see Figure 1). Mineralisation at Morondo, the best intercept of which included 66m at 1.53g/t, was intersected over a strike length of 600m by 200m. True width of mineralization is up to 150m hosted by an altered and sheared mafic volcanoclastic rock and is open in all directions. The current drilling (see Figure 2) will aim to test mineralization below the previous RC coverage to a depth of 150m and will be complete before the end of the year with results expected in January 2018.

Rick Clark, CEO and Director of Orca, commented "Orca is now active in two prolific gold environments in Africa, Sudan and Côte d'Ivoire. It is a busy time for the Company with a 25,000m drill programme and Feasibility Study in process at our Block 14 Gold Project in Sudan and an initial drill campaign underway in Côte d'Ivoire. With ministerial approval now in hand for the portion of our transaction with Kinross that covers the Morondo Permit, we are moving forward with closing the deal and are wasting no time getting back on the ground at Morondo to follow up on our initial discovery made in 2010. With positive results, we intend to fast track Morondo towards resource definition in 2018. At the same time, early next year we will commence exploration and evaluation of our broad property portfolio in Côte d'Ivoire. We look forward to keeping the market informed as we move into the New Year."

To view Figure 1: Côte d'Ivoire - A Strategic Land Package, please visit the following link: [http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/1105840\\_Figure-1.jpg](http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/1105840_Figure-1.jpg)

To view Figure 2: Drilling at Morondo Permit, please visit the following link: [http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/1105840\\_Figure-2.jpg](http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/1105840_Figure-2.jpg)

### **About Orca Gold Inc.**

Orca Gold Inc. (TSX VENTURE:ORG) is a Canadian resource company focused on exploration opportunities in Africa. The Company is focused on its flagship 70%-owned Block 14 Gold Project in the Republic of the Sudan and an expanding exploration portfolio in Côte d'Ivoire. Block 14 is situated on a 2,170 km<sup>2</sup> concession. The Company is currently conducting a Feasibility Study on the project, which is scheduled for completion in early Q2 2018.

Additionally, Orca is actively conducting gold exploration in Côte d'Ivoire.

*The technical contents of this release have been approved by Hugh Stuart, BSc, MSc, a Qualified Person pursuant to NI 43-101. Mr. Stuart is President of the Company and a Chartered Geologist and Fellow of the Geological Society of London. Samples used for the results described herein are prepared and analyzed by fire assay using a 50 gram charge at the Bureau Veritas in Abidjan in compliance with industry standards. Field duplicate samples are taken and blanks and standards are added to every batch submitted.*

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Richard P. Clark, CEO and Director

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