

Orca Gold Intercepts 39m at 2.52 g/t Au in The Republic of The Sudan and 27.7 m at 1.74 g/t Au in Côte d'Ivoire

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 01, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Orca Gold Inc. (TSX.V:ORG) ("Orca" or the "Company") is pleased to announce continued success in drilling on the new Hanging Wall Zone at the Company's flagship Block 14 Gold Project in the Republic of the Sudan and the discovery of a new mineralised zone at the Morondo Project in Côte d'Ivoire.

Highlights

- Drilling continues to expand the Hanging Wall Zone at Galat Sufar South ("GSS"). Significant intercepts include:
 - GSRC740: 39 m at 2.52 g/t Au
 - GSRC741: 20 m at 2.72 g/t Au
- At Morondo, diamond drilling for metallurgical samples has extended the known mineralization and intersected 27.7m at 1.74 g/t Au in what looks to be a new footwall zone

Block 14 Gold Project

Drilling at GSS continues with two multi-purpose rigs on site and a third to be added in May. The current program is focused on further developing the East Zone pit where a new geological interpretation (see Company News Release on January 9, 2018) is being applied. This program has successfully identified a previously unknown Hanging Wall Zone (see Company News Release on April 2, 2018), which is expanding rapidly with ongoing drilling.

Table 1 below reports assay results for recent holes drilled in the Hanging Wall Zone.

Table 1: Hanging Wall Zone Drill Results

Hole	Type	From	To	Metres	Au g/t Uncut
GSDD052	DD	55.0	70.0	15.0	1.25
		132.3	136.6	4.3	15.04
		47.0	57.0	10.0	1.20
GSRC738	RC	92.0	101.0	9.0	3.60
		144.0	151.0	7.0	0.99
		194.0	204.0	10.0	0.85
		3.0	8.0	5.0	1.57
GSRC739	RC	16.0	21.0	5.0	1.74
		23.0	29.0	6.0	1.68
		35.0	57.0	22.0	0.96
		73.0	78.0	5.0	0.70
GSRC740	RC	86.0	102.0	16.0	2.24
		12.0	51.0	39.0	2.52
		55.0	67.0	12.0	1.76

GSRC741	RC	60.0	80.0	20.0	2.72
		93.0	109.0	16.0	0.77
GSRC744	RC	51.0	56.0	5.0	6.60

NOTE: True widths are on average 72% of drilled intercept

Morondo Gold Project, Côte d'Ivoire

A short reverse circulation drill programme at Morondo in December 2017 confirmed the discovery of a broad mineralised system at its Morondo gold exploration permit in Côte d'Ivoire (see Company News Release on January 31, 2018).

In 2014, samples of RC chips taken from a previous programme and containing disseminated sulphides, were submitted for leach test work at the SGS Metallurgical Laboratory in the United Kingdom and returned recoveries of 95%. Recently, to confirm and expand on these results, two core holes were drilled to provide material for the next phase of test work. One of these holes was extended below previous drilling, based on silicification and sulphide mineralisation observed, and intersected what is believed to be a new Footwall Zone. Hole MRDD002 intersected 19.0m at 0.94 g/t and 27.7m at 1.74 g/t, below the known mineralisation (See Figure 2).

Drilling will re-commence at Morondo this month to follow up on this discovery and continue to expand mineralisation. If the new metallurgical test work confirms previous results, the drill program will be expanded towards defining an initial mineral resource at Morondo.

Commenting on the success of the recent drilling at GSS and Morondo, Richard Clark, CEO of Orca Gold said, "The ongoing expansion of mineral resources at GSS continues to justify an aggressive drill program. The discovery of the Hanging Wall Zone supports our new understanding of geological controls at GSS and strongly suggests that other, previously unidentified, targets will be discovered. We are very excited about this development and look forward to further reporting on the success of our resource expansion program.

At Morondo, the unexpected discovery of a new footwall zone significantly increases the potential of this project. With positive results from our current metallurgical testing, we will accelerate our drilling towards the early delivery of a maiden resource."

About Orca Gold Inc.

Orca Gold Inc. (TSX-V:ORG) is a Canadian resource company focused on exploration and development opportunities in Africa. Led by a board of directors made up of industry experts and a management team with a track record of discovering and building significant mines globally, Orca is developing one of the leading gold projects in Africa. The Company is currently focused on completing a Feasibility Study on its 70%-owned Block 14 gold project in the Republic of the Sudan and is actively conducting exploration on its strategic portfolio of highly prospective gold properties 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 from the Block 14 Gold Project are prepared and analyzed by fire assay using a 50 gram charge at the ALS Chemex facility at Rosia Montana in Romania in compliance with industry standards. Field duplicate samples are taken and blanks and standards are added to every batch submitted. Samples used for the results described herein from the Morondo Gold Project are prepared and analyzed by fire assay using a 50 gram charge at the Bureau

Veritas facility in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in compliance with industry standards. Field duplicate samples are taken and blanks and standards are added to every batch submitted.

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