

Core Hole PGS051C: 41.1 m grading 2.64 g/t Au, including 32.0 m grading 3.22 g/t Au

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VANCOUVER, B.C. – Pilot Gold Inc. (PLG - TSX) ("Pilot Gold" or the "Company") is pleased to announce additional drill results from 5 Reverse Circulation (RC) and 2 diamond core holes at the 100% controlled Goldstrike Oxide Gold Project in southwestern Utah. The primary target is Carlin-style shallow, oxide gold mineralization on the 7 km long, 2 km wide "Historic Mine Trend", between and down-dip to the north of historic open pits.

Highlights from infill and step-out drilling include:

- **1.06 grams per tonne gold (g/t Au) over 47.2 metres (m) in PGS044C – core hole**
- **0.76 g/t Au over 36.6 m** in PGS047
- **0.68 g/t Au over 33.5 m** in PGS050
- **2.64 g/t Au over 41.1 m in PGS051C, including 3.22 g/t Au over 32.0 m – core hole**
- **0.44 g/t Au over 35.1 m** in PGS052
- **0.76 g/t Au over 24.4 m** in PGS057

Six of the seven released holes contain measurable oxide gold grades over an average drill hole length of 36.4 m. The mineralized intercept in drill hole PGS051C is a follow-up to PGS026, which returned 57.9 m grading 1.19 g/t Au (see [press release dated April, 12 2014](#)) and PGS027, which returned 47.2 m grading 1.14 g/t Au (see [press release dated May 10, 2016](#)). This is a new zone of mineralization down-dip of a historic surface showing and demonstrates the potential for discovery of higher-grade mineralization in the shallow subsurface. For a section showing these results, please click here:http://www.pilotgold.com/images/PilotGold/Goldstrike_Section_PR16_14.pdf.

Key Points:

- Continued drilling of the main gold host horizon, the Claron Formation has resulted in the discovery of new areas with high grade feeder structures. A more concentrated RC drill pattern will be used to define these mineralized zones.
- Continued drilling to date confirms gold mineralization with significant width and grade over virtually the entire Goldstrike Graben over an east-west distance of 1.4 km by 400 metres north-south.
- An additional 60 drill sites are proposed within this area before extending the infill step-out drill program 4.5 km to the west and 1 km to the east following the historical mine trend.
- To date approximately 75% of holes drilled by Pilot Gold have encountered significant gold mineralization in the basal Claron Formation, as well as a number of holes containing mineralization hosted in underlying Paleozoic strata.

The 10-hole large diameter core program has been completed. Metallurgical testing, including column testing, will commence following receipt of assays pending for 7 holes. Core drilling has

provided new insights into the stratigraphic and structural controls on mineralization, as well as the nature of alteration and mineralization.

For photographs of representative core samples and corresponding assays for the full mineralized intercepts in core holes PGS41C, PGS44C and PGS51C, please click here:

<http://www.pilotgold.com/images/PilotGold/GoldstrikeCorePhotos.pdf>

Mineralization in most holes is strongly oxidized, with AuCN assays typically between 70 and 100% of conventional fire assays.

For a complete table of drill results for the current 7 holes, please click here:

http://www.pilotgold.com/images/PilotGold/GS_Intercepts06162016.pdf

For a complete table of results for all drilling by Pilot Gold at Goldstrike in 2015 and to date in 2016, please

click here: http://www.pilotgold.com/images/PilotGold/GS_Intercepts2015to06162016.pdf

For a map of drill collars and traces for the current release, please click here:

http://www.pilotgold.com/images/PilotGold/GoldStrike_Map_PR16_14.pdf

RC drilling is ongoing, with on average 5 RC drill holes completed per week.

Goldstrike Property

Goldstrike is located in the eastern Great Basin, immediately adjacent to the Utah/Nevada border, and is a Carlin-style gold system, similar in many ways to the prolific deposits located along Nevada's Carlin trend. Like Kinsley Mountain and Newmont's Long Canyon deposit, Goldstrike represents part of a growing number of Carlin-type systems located off the main Carlin and Cortez trends in largely underexplored parts of the Great Basin. The Goldstrike Property comprises 96 km² of US federal lode claims, patented (private) claims and Utah State leases. Previous mining at Goldstrike¹ occurred from 1988 to 1994, with 209,000 ounces of gold produced from 12 shallow pits, at an average grade of 1.2 g/t Au.

Previous mining data sourced from: Wildden, R., 2006, Goldstrike Mining District, Washington County, Utah: in bon, R.L., Gloyn, R.W., and Park, G.M., eds., Mining Districts of Utah: Utah Geological Association Publication 32, p. 458-476.

Kinsley Property – Nevada Update

A four hole RC drill test of a structural, stratigraphic and induced polarization target southwest of the Main Pit was recently completed at Kinsley Mountain, with assays pending. The target is high-grade gold mineralization similar to that drilled in the Western Flank zone. Kinsley hosts near-surface mineralization similar to other Carlin-style, sediment-hosted gold systems. It contains a past-producing mine with an extensive exploration database and numerous, untested gold targets. Kinsley is owned 79.1% by Pilot Gold and 20.9% by Nevada Sunrise Gold Corporation.

Moira Smith, Ph.D., P.Geo., Vice-President Exploration and Geoscience, Pilot Gold, is the Company's designated Qualified Person for this news release within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and has reviewed and validated that the information contained in the release is accurate. Drill composites were calculated using a cut-off of 0.20 g/t. Drill intersections are reported as drilled thicknesses. True widths of the mineralized intervals are interpreted to be between 30-90% of the reported lengths. Drill samples were assayed by ALS Limited in Reno, Nevada for gold by Fire Assay of a 30 gram (1 assay ton) charge with an AA finish, or if over 5.0 g/t were re-assayed and completed with a gravimetric finish. For these samples, the gravimetric data were utilized in calculating gold intersections. For any samples assaying over 0.200 ppm an additional cyanide leach analysis is done where the sample is treated with a 0.25% NaCN solution and rolled for an hour. An aliquot of the final leach solution is then centrifuged and analyzed by AAS. QA/QC for all drill samples consists of the insertion and continual monitoring of numerous standards and blanks into the sample stream, and the collection of duplicate samples at random intervals within each batch. Selected holes are also analyzed for a 51 multi-element geochemical suite by ICP-MS. ALS Geochemistry-Reno is ISO 17025:2005 Accredited, with the Elko prep lab listed on the scope of accreditation.

Goldstrike is an early-stage exploration project and does not contain any mineral resource estimates as defined by NI 43-101, except for that which is noted in a NI 43-101 technical report prepared for a previous operator entitled, "Technical Report on the Mineral Mountain Property, Washington County, Utah, USA", dated February 16, 2010, prepared by Kenneth P. Puchlik, of Puchski GeoConsultants, a "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101. The potential quantities and grades disclosed herein are conceptual in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource for the targets disclosed herein. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in these targets being delineated as a mineral resource.

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Pilot Gold is led by a proven technical and capital markets team that continues to discover and define high-quality assets. Our two core projects are Goldstrike in Utah and Kinsley Mountain in Nevada. The Company also holds important interests in two Turkish assets, Halilaga and TV Tower, and has a pipeline of Western US projects characterized by large land positions and district-wide potential that can meet our growth needs for years to come.

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