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## Liberty Gold Announces Results of Drill Testing of Leach Pads, Backfill and Underlying Bedrock, Goldstrike Oxide Gold Project, Great Basin, USA

**Leach Pad: 0.57 g/t Au over 32.0 m; 0.62 g/t Au over 15.2 m;**

**Back Fill: 0.58 g/t Au over 16.7 m; 0.69 g/t Au over 6.1 m;**

**Bedrock: 1.42 g/t Au over 13.7 m; 0.85 g/t Au over 39.6 m**

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Liberty Gold Corp. (LGD-TSX) (“Liberty Gold” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the results from initial reverse circulation (“RC”) drill testing of the historic heap leach pads and one area of historic mine waste backfill at the Goldstrike Project, the flagship of its three principal gold projects located in the prolific Great Basin of the United States.

**Results confirm that the historical leach pads, the back fill below the pad linings and bedrock to depth contain areas of gold mineralization above the cut-off grade used in the Goldstrike Preliminary Economic Assessment (“PEA”)<sup>1</sup>.**

On July 10, 2018, Liberty Gold released a PEA for Goldstrike, confirming a low capital intensity, low operating cost, open-pit, run-of-mine, heap-leach operation, with a 7.5 year mine life and highly attractive economics, including a post-tax Net Present Value (5% discount rate) of US\$129.5 million, Internal Rate of Return of 29.4%, and Initial Capex of US\$113.2 million.

To aid in further advancement and de-risking of the Goldstrike Property, drill testing of the historic heap leach pads, stockpiles, waste dumps and pit backfill is underway. Most of the areas currently being tested lie within the PEA pit and are classified as waste in the model. Conversion of any of these areas to mineralized leach material would potentially add low-cost ounces to the resource, consisting of gold in material previously drilled, blasted and placed on surface.

### Goldstrike 2018 Surficial Targets Drill Results

Hole ID (Az, Dip) (degrees)	From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Au (g/t)	Au Cut-Off	Hole Length (m)	Target	Comments	g/t x m
PGS508 (0, -90)	No Significant Results					68.6	Goldtown Back Fill		
PGS509 (0, -90)	No Significant Results					19.8	Goldtown Back Fill	No Back Fill Encountered	
PGS510 (0, -90)	24.4	35.1	10.7	0.72	0.2	105.2	Goldtown Back Fill	Bedrock Below Backfill	7.6
PGS511 (0, -90)	3.0	33.5	30.5	0.40	0.2	121.9	Goldtown Back Fill	Back Fill and Bedrock	12.3
PGS512 (180, -55)	13.7	30.5	16.8	0.43	0.2	121.9	Goldtown Back Fill	Back Fill Material	7.2
PGS513 (0, -90)	0.0	7.6	7.6	0.56	0.2	111.3	Goldtown Back Fill	Back Fill Material	15.5

<sup>1</sup> See the “Preliminary Economic Assessment and Independent Technical Report for the Goldstrike Project, Washington County, Utah USA”, effective February 8, 2018 and signed July 16, 2018 authored by Independent Qualified Persons Bob McCarthy, P.Eng. Valerie Sawyer, SME, David Rowe, CPG and Neil Winkelmann, FAusIMM of SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.; Gary Simmons, MMSA of GL Simmons Consulting, LLC; James N. Gray, P.Geo. of Advantage Geoservices Ltd; George Lightwood, SME, Russell Browne, P.E. and Michael Bidart, P.E. of Golder Associates Inc.; and Carl Defilippi, RM SME of Kappes Cassidy & Associates, and is in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. The report is available under the Company’s profile at [sedar.com](http://sedar.com) and is also available on the Company’s website at [www.libertygold.ca](http://www.libertygold.ca).

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and	15.2	30.5	15.2	0.73				Bedrock	
PGS526 (0, -90)	0.0	32.0	32.0	0.57	0.2	62.5	Leach Pad 1	Leach Pad Material	22.1
and	35.1	47.2	12.2	0.32				Back Fill Material	
PGS529 (0, -90)	0.0	13.7	13.7	0.64	0.2	121.9	Leach Pad 1	Leach Pad Material	30.6
and	15.2	19.8	4.6	0.20				Back Fill Material	
and	41.1	44.2	3.0	0.41					
and	53.3	59.4	6.1	0.31					
and	82.3	106.7	24.4	0.73					
PGS531 (0, -90)	0.0	30.5	30.5	0.27	0.2	118.9	Leach Pad 1	Leach Pad Material	42.6
and	38.1	48.8	10.7	0.37				Back Fill Material	
and	48.8	89.9	41.1	0.55				Bedrock	
and	105.2	112.8	7.6	1.05					
PGS533 (320, -85)	0.0	10.7	10.7	0.55	0.2	178.3	Leach Pad1	Leach Pad Material	43.5
and	13.7	29.0	15.2	0.27				Bedrock	
and	131.1	170.7	39.6	0.85					
PGS535 (0, -90)	0.0	22.9	22.9	0.22	0.2	29.0	Leach Pad 1	Leach Pad Material	5.1
PGS536 (0, -90)	0.0	15.2	15.2	0.62	0.2	80.8	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	15.1
and	15.2	50.3	35.1	0.16	0.15			Back Fill Material	
PGS538	0.0	16.8	16.8	0.23	0.2	41.1	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	13.6
	16.8	33.5	16.7	0.58				Back Fill Material	
PGS539 (0, -90)	0.0	22.9	22.9	0.20	0.2	29.0	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	4.6
PGS540 (0, -90)	0.0	24.4	24.4	0.17	0.15	53.3	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	9.4
and	24.4	48.8	24.4	0.21	0.2			Back Fill Material	
PGS541 (0, -90)	0.0	33.5	33.5	0.32	0.2	93.0	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	14.1
and	47.2	62.5	15.2	0.22				Back Fill Material	
PGS542 (0, -90)	0.0	35.1	35.1	0.52	0.2	56.4	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	24.5
and	35.1	53.3	18.2	0.35				Back Fill Material	
PGS543 (0, -90)	0.0	15.2	15.2	0.32	0.2	53.3	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	8.2
and	15.2	28.6	13.4	0.25	0.2			Back Fill Material	
PGS544 (0, -90)	0.0	29.0	29.0	0.19	0.15	68.6	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	8.3
and	29.0	36.6	7.6	0.36	0.2			Back Fill Material	
PGS546 (0, -90)	0.0	41.1	41.1	0.23	0.2	44.2	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	9.4
PGS547 (0, -90)	0.0	30.5	30.5	0.39	0.2	56.4	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	12.0
PGS548 (0, -90)	0.0	21.3	21.3	0.31	0.2	80.8	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	19.5
and	21.3	48.8	27.5	0.28				Back Fill Material	
and	48.8	61.0	12.2	0.42				Bedrock	
PGS550 (0, -90)	0.0	24.4	24.4	0.34	0.2	61.0	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	10.2
and	44.2	50.3	6.1	0.32				Back Fill Material	
PGS551 (0, -90)	0.0	36.6	36.6	0.49	0.2	61.0	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	22.1
and	47.2	53.3	6.1	0.69				Back Fill Material	
PGS553 (0, -90)	0.0	42.7	42.7	0.34	0.2	91.4	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	17.5

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and	42.7	51.8	9.1	0.36				Back Fill Material	
PGS554 (0, -90)	0.0	45.7	45.7	0.25	0.2	61.0	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	11.4
PGS556 (180, -60)	0.0	25.9	25.9	0.21	0.15	99.1	Leach Pad 2	Leach Pad Material	24.9
and	76.2	89.9	13.7	1.42	0.2			Bedrock	

Defined terms: grams per tonne ("g/t"), gold ("Au"), Azimuth ("Az"), metres ("m")

## KEY POINTS

- The results to date support Liberty Gold's thesis that considerable gold remains in surficial deposits created during the historic mining operation, which operated during a period of very low gold prices and much higher ore-to-waste cut-off grades. Heap leach technology has advanced considerably in the last 20 years, with recovery of gold possible from previously-leached material.
- The heap leach pads are underlain by considerable thicknesses of mineralized backfill material.
- Drill holes encountered areas of unmined mineralization in the pit floors and walls under backfilled areas.
- Cyanide solubility tests carried out in conjunction with fire assaying of the drill samples from the heap leaches show moderate cyanide solubility. Additional testing will be carried out to determine potential recovery and the best methods to achieve it.
- Cyanide solubility of backfill material averages 86%.
- Additional drilling in these areas is warranted, as well as testing of other areas designated as historic stockpiles, waste dumps and pit backfill.
- Drone lidar surveying is being utilized to accurately estimate the volume of material stacked on the heap leach pads, currently estimated at approximately 8 million tons<sup>1</sup>.
- Results will be included in the next resource estimate.

For a map of drill collars and traces and a cross section for the current release, please click here: [http://libertygold.ca/images/sites/default/files/Goldstrike\\_NR082018.pdf](http://libertygold.ca/images/sites/default/files/Goldstrike_NR082018.pdf)

An RC drill program is currently underway with two drills, with over 16,000 metres drilled to date. In addition to testing of the historic heap-leach, stockpile and waste dump areas, infill and step out drilling around the existing resource and testing of new targets property-wide is also underway. An amendment to the current Plan of Operations to grant access to an additional >878 acres in and adjacent to the resource area is expected in the final quarter of 2018.

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-style gold systems located off the main Carlin and Cortez trends in underexplored parts of the Great Basin. The historic Goldstrike Mine operated 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 and an average recovery of approximately 75%.

Moira Smith, Ph.D., P.Geo., Vice-President Exploration and Geoscience, Liberty 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

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that the information contained in the release is accurate. Holes were drilled using a casing-advance system with a centre-return hammer in order to insure sample integrity and minimize the likelihood of cross contamination between samples. 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 vary between 30 and 100% of the reported lengths due to varying drill hole orientations, but are typically in the range of 60 to 80% of true width. 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.

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Liberty Gold is focused on exploring the Great Basin of the United States, home to large-scale gold projects that are ideal for open-pit mining. This region is one of the most prolific gold-producing regions in the world and stretches across Nevada and into Idaho and Utah. We know the Great Basin and are driven to discover and advance big gold deposits that can be mined profitably in open-pit scenarios. Our flagship projects are Goldstrike, Black Pine and Kinsley Mountain, all of which are past producing open-pit mines, where previous operators only scratched the surface.

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