



CONTACT GOLD RETURNS 1.66 G/T OXIDE GOLD OVER 28.96 METRES AT GREEN SPRINGS GOLD PROJECT, CORTEZ TREND, NEVADA

Vancouver, B.C. (August 9, 2022) – Contact Gold Corp. (the “Company” or “Contact Gold”) (TSXV: C; OTCQB: CGOLF) is pleased to announce results from the first 3 drill holes from the 2022 step-out drill program at the Green Springs oxide gold project. Results for the remaining 20 holes are pending.

X-Ray Zone Drill Highlights:

- **1.66 g/t Au over 28.96 metres**, from a depth of 9.14 metres, in drill hole GS22-01
 - Including: **2.66 g/t Au over 15.24 metres**
- **0.82 g/t Au over 35.05 metres**, from a depth of 9.14 metres, in drill hole GS22-02
 - Including: **1.32 g/t Au over 16.76 metres**

These initial results are from the X-Ray Zone, and extend mineralization to the SE, NE, and NW from the 2021 discovery holes ([see news release dated, June 28, 2021](#)). The recently discovered zone, one of several areas of interest across the property, remains wide open for expansion, especially to the north, south and west.

Drilling at Green Springs wrapped up in late June with 23 holes completed for 2,123 metres, and was dedicated to growing the high-grade Tango, X-Ray, and B-C Gap oxide gold discoveries made by Contact Gold in 2021.

Gold mineralization at X-Ray is hosted at the lower Pilot Shale contact with the underlying Guilmette limestone. X-Ray is near-surface, well oxidized, with exceptional grades and thicknesses.

“We are extremely pleased with these exceptional step-out holes at our high-grade X-Ray discovery. These three drill holes increase the drilled footprint at X-Ray, while demonstrating the same excellent grades, thicknesses and oxidation seen in last year’s discovery holes.” said Vance Spalding, VP Exploration at Contact Gold. “The X-Ray Zone remains unconstrained by drilling to the east, south and west and is wide open for growth. There are wide expanses of undrilled Pilot Shale in all the open directions at X-Ray”.

Hole #	Target	Grade (g/t)	Intercept (m)	From (m)	To (m)
GS22-01	X-Ray	1.66	28.96	9.14	38.1
	including	2.66	15.24	19.81	35.05
GS22-02	X-Ray	0.82	35.05	9.14	44.2
	including	1.32	16.76	18.29	35.05
GS22-03	X-Ray	0.14	3.05	35.05	38.10

Green Springs Drill Program Update:

- A total of 23 drill holes totalling 2,123 metres were completed at Green Springs in the 2022 program, with results pending for 20 holes. Due to drill efficiencies, the total meterage was approximately 30 percent more than budgeted.
- Five holes were drilled at the outcropping X-Ray Zone, offsetting and stepping out from the high-grade oxide discovery made in the 2021 program.
 - Average depth of completed drill holes at X-Ray was 86.8 metres
 - The X-Ray target area is open for expansion to the north, south and west
 - The overlying Joanna limestone occurs to the southwest of the current drill holes, rendering the target blind to soil and rock geochemistry in that most-open direction
- Fifteen holes were also drilled to follow up and step out from the high-grade Tango discovery drilled by Contact Gold in 2021 ([see news release dated June 15, 2021](#)).
 - Average depth of completed drill holes at Tango in 2022 is 74 metres
 - The Tango target area currently encompasses an area 250 x 500 metres, and is open for expansion.

- Reverse circulation drilling has intersected broad intervals of well oxidized, silicified and altered Pilot Shale, which is the principal host of both of these exciting new oxide zones.
- Two holes were completed following up on the 2021 B-C gap discovery hole which sits beneath the Green Springs Mine Trend:
 - The B-C gap is the first thick, good-grade intercept encountered to date in the lower Pilot Shale beneath the old mine trend, where previous mining and exploration focused solely on the overlying host horizon at Chainman Shale/Joana limestone contact.

Contact Gold anticipates a second phase of drilling later in the year after all results from the first phase are received and integrated into the next phase plan. This is expected to include additional follow up drilling at Tango, X-Ray, and the B-C Gap zones. The Company believes that ongoing surface exploration at Green Springs will be successful in identifying additional prospective areas and developing further compelling drill targets, especially in the underexplored Pilot Shale, the host horizon to the Tango, X-Ray, and BC Gap discoveries.

The Company is also expanding the existing Plan of Operations permit to the south and east to test high conviction targets south of the Echo Zone, as well as tackling the Whiskey and Foxtrot targets in the east of the property as part of the second phase of the 2022 drill program.

For a location map of the Green Springs project, please click:

<https://contactgold.com/resources/news/nr-20220809-CG-map1-Jun1.jpg>

For a plan map of the X-Ray discovery and drill traces, please click:

<https://contactgold.com/resources/news/nr-20220809-X-Ray-plan-map-August-2022.jpg>

For a cross section through the X-Ray discovery zone, please click:

<https://contactgold.com/resources/news/nr-20220809-X-Ray-cross-section-August-2022.jpg>

About the Green Springs Project:

Green Springs is located near the southern end of the Cortez Trend of Carlin-type gold deposits in White Pine County, Nevada, 20 km southeast of Calibre Mining's Pan Mine and 7 km immediately east of their Gold Rock Project, and south of Waterton's Mount Hamilton deposit. The Green Springs property is 18.65 km² encompassing 3 shallow past producing open pits and numerous targets that were not mined. Gold mineralization at Green Springs is hosted within the same Chainman Shale and Pilot Shale units hosting Gold Rock and Pan. The Green Springs project produced high-grade oxide gold from two open pits in the 1980's, and is host to multiple, near-surface Carlin Type gold zones and exploration targets.

Contact Gold signed a purchase option agreement with Ely Gold Royalties (now a subsidiary of Gold Royalty Corp.) to acquire an undivided 100% interest in Green Springs in July 2019. Green Springs is an early-stage exploration property and does not contain any mineral resource estimates as defined by National Instrument 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101"). There has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource estimate at Green Springs. Additional information about Green Springs is summarized in the NI 43-101 Technical Report entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Green Springs Project, White Pine County, Nevada, USA" prepared for Contact Gold, with an effective date of June 12, 2020, and dated August 5, 2020, as prepared by John J. Read, C.P.G; an independent consultant and qualified person under NI 43-101, and can be viewed under Contact Gold's issuer profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Vance Spalding, CPG, VP Exploration, Contact Gold, who is a "qualified person" within the meaning of NI 43-101. Drill intercepts were calculated using a minimum thickness of 3.05 metres averaging 0.14 ppm gold and allowing inclusion of up to 4.57 metres of material averaging less than 0.14 ppm gold for low grade intervals and higher-grade intervals were calculated using a minimum thickness of 3.05 metres averaging 1.00 ppm gold and allowing inclusion of up to 4.57 metres of assays averaging less than 1.00 ppm gold. Gravimetric assays are used for all Fire Assays above 4.00 ppm gold. Cyanide solubility assays are completed on all Fire Assays greater than 0.1 g/t. True width of drilled mineralization is unknown, but owing to the apparent flat lying nature of mineralization, is estimated to generally be at least 70% of drilled thickness in most cases. The Cyanide recovery percentages are

equally averaged by interval, and are not weighted by gold content per interval. Quality Assurance / Quality Control consists of regular insertion of certified reference standards, blanks, and duplicates. All failures are followed up and resolved whenever possible with additional investigation whenever such an event occurs. All assays are completed at Paragon; an ISO 17025:2005 accredited lab. Check assays are completed at a second, reputable assay lab after the program is complete.

About Contact Gold Corp.

Contact Gold is an exploration company focused on making district scale gold discoveries in Nevada. Contact Gold's extensive land holdings are on the prolific Carlin and Cortez gold trends which host numerous gold deposits and mines. Contact Gold's land position comprises approximately 140 km² of target rich mineral tenure hosting numerous known gold occurrences, ranging from early- to advanced-exploration and current gold resources.

Additional information about the Company is available at www.contactgold.com.

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