

COMPLETION OF SOIL SAMPLING AT TOPACIO

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Stage 1 of Farm-in Agreement progressing on schedule
- ❖ Completion of soil sampling at Topacio
- ❖ Initial 400m x 400m soil grid over the entire 93km² concession
- ❖ Final confirmation of multi-element assays pending
- ❖ Analysis of results and drill target generation to follow

Oro Verde Limited (ASX: OVL) (“Oro Verde” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that the first phase of soil sampling covering the full Topacio Gold Project concession, located in southeastern Nicaragua (Figure 1), is now complete.

The soil sampling forms part of the Stage 1 exploration program of the Farm-In Agreement between Newcrest International Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Newcrest Mining Limited (ASX: NCM)** (“Newcrest”) and Oro Verde, executed at the end of November 2015¹, through which the parties aim to discover a multi-million ounce gold deposit at the Topacio Gold Project.

The key objective of the Stage 1 exploration program, which commenced in January 2016, is to identify highly prospective vein, alteration, geochemical, geophysical and structural targets for drilling in the second half of 2016. The Stage 1 program includes:

- ✓ Detailed geological mapping and sampling
- ✓ Concession-wide 400m x 400m grid soil sampling program
- ✓ Airborne geophysics – magnetics and radiometrics

The soil sampling results will be analysed in conjunction with the geological mapping review and newly defined targets, as reported to the ASX on 2nd May², as well as with the data to be generated from the upcoming geophysical survey.

Oro Verde’s Managing Director, Mr. Trevor Woolfe, commented ***“We are excited that completion of our soil sampling will provide the first systematic geochemical survey across the full extent of the Topacio concession, and will provide us with another tool to assess the potential for a large epithermal gold system. We anticipate that the results will highlight new target areas for follow up drill testing later in the year.”***

¹ Refer to ASX announcement dated 30 November 2015 “Newcrest Signs A\$11M Farm-in Agreement with Oro Verde”

² Refer to ASX announcement dated 2 May 2016 “New Gold Targets Identified at Topacio”



Figure 1 Major Nicaraguan gold deposits and the Topacio Gold Project

TARGET GENERATION

The Topacio Gold Project consists of a 93km² concession located in the southeast of Nicaragua (Figure 1), however the veins making up the existing gold resource are concentrated within an area of less than 4km². While approximately 35km (combined strike length) of low sulphidation epithermal veins have so far been identified on the concession, much of the concession remains either unexplored or under-explored, providing scope for additional vein discoveries. A geological mapping program was initiated in early 2016 and began by focussing on 5 main areas of the concession³. Some of the key target areas generated include the following (Figure 2):

- i. **Topacio Vein System** – epithermal vein system with the potential to expand the existing historical resource
- ii. **West Topacio Silica Cap** – the silica cap may conceal buried vein type gold mineralisation along strike to the west from the existing historical Topacio vein resource
- iii. **El Sahino Silica Cap** – potential for fluid ponding and development of gold and silver mineralisation below the cap
- iv. **Buena Vista** – displays geological factors favourable for epithermal vein type grade development
- v. **La Plazuela** – mapping identified this region as a potential target for high sulphidation mineralisation in association with a possible deeper porphyry copper-gold system

SOIL SAMPLING PROGRAM

In addition to the targets generated by the geological mapping program, the recently completed soil sampling program extends to all corners of the Topacio concession. Some of these areas have not previously been mapped, so the soil geochemistry will provide valuable feedback on the underlying geology, as well as the potential for mineralisation.

In these areas particularly, the combination of broad spaced soil sampling geochemistry and the upcoming concession-wide airborne geophysical program (magnetics and radiometrics) will be critical in identifying target areas for additional follow up.

The current 400m x 400m soil grid consists of approximately 560 samples. These samples are being analysed for a suite of 45 elements. Final results are expected to be received around the middle of July. Data analysis

³ Refer to ASX announcement dated 22 February 2016 “Newcrest and Oro Verde Commence Aggressive Program to Outline Large Scale Gold Resource”

and interpretation has commenced to determine priority targets, as well as to identify areas that may require detailed, closer spaced, follow-up soil sampling. Using Newcrest’s extensive experience with low sulphidation epithermal systems, this program will utilise multi-element pathfinder geochemistry to characterise the mineralised system at Topacio and assist target generation for the next phase of drilling.

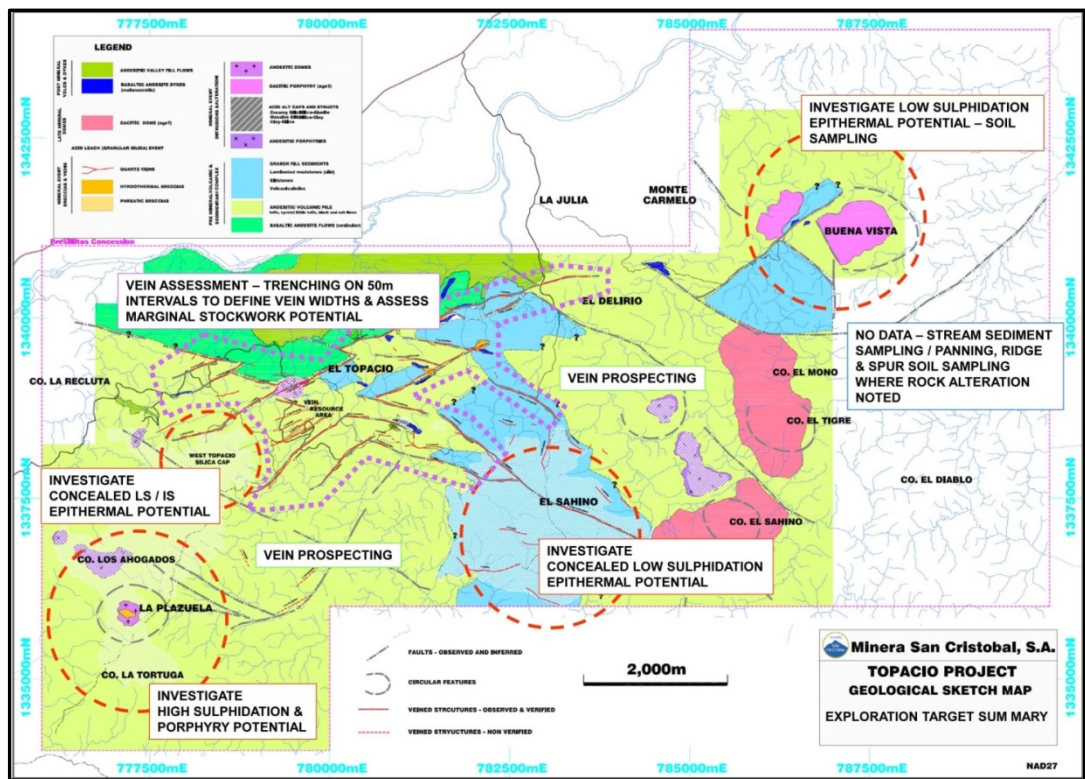


Figure 2 Topacio Project – Geological Interpretation Map and Exploration Targets

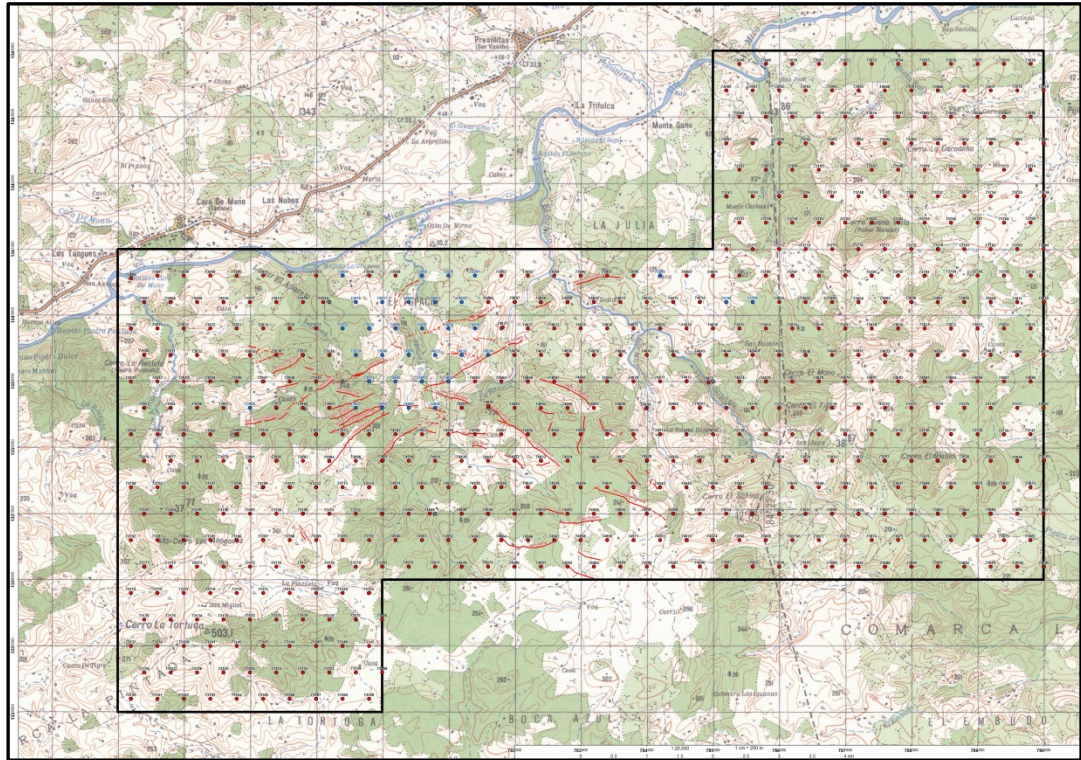


Figure 3 Topacio Project – Soil sampling locations

TOPACIO PROJECT BACKGROUND

Oro Verde holds an Option to Purchase Agreement over the high grade Topacio Gold Project, located in southeastern Nicaragua (Figure 1). Details can be found in the announcement to the ASX dated 27 February 2015⁴. The project contains a historical NI 43-101 (Canadian standard, similar to JORC) compliant Inferred Resource of:

2,716,176 tonnes at 3.9 g/t gold, containing 340,345 ounces of gold, at a 1.5 g/t gold cut-off

National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”) is a national instrument for the Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects within Canada and as such this estimate is a foreign estimate and is not reported in accordance with the JORC code (Australia). A competent person has not done sufficient work to classify the foreign estimate as mineral resources in accordance with the JORC code and it is uncertain that following evaluation and/or further exploration work that the foreign estimate will be able to be reported as mineral resources in accordance with the JORC code.

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About Oro Verde Limited: *Oro Verde Ltd is a mineral exploration company focused on identifying and developing significant gold projects in Central America, particularly Nicaragua. Oro Verde holds an Option to Purchase Agreement to acquire 100% of the Topacio Gold Project in Nicaragua that contains a NI43-101 compliant Inferred Mineral Resource of 340,000 ounces of gold. A US\$7.9 million 5 year farm-in agreement was signed on November 25, 2015 with a subsidiary of global gold major - Newcrest Mining Limited (ASX: NCM) – to jointly explore for multi-million ounce gold deposits at Topacio. Oro Verde also holds 100% of the early stage San Isidro Gold Project, also in Nicaragua, located adjacent to the 2.3 million ounce La India gold project.*

COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENTS

The information in this document that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Trevor Woolfe BSc Hons (Geol), who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Woolfe is the Managing Director and a shareholder of the Company, and is employed through consultancy Shordean Pty Ltd. Mr Woolfe has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves’. Mr Woolfe consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this document that relates to earlier Exploration Results is extracted from the following reports: “Oro Verde Proceeds to Acquire Topacio Gold Project” created on 27 February 2015 and “New Gold Targets Identified at Topacio” created on 2 May 2016 and completed under Mr Trevor Woolfe as Competent Person and available to view on www.asx.com. Mr Trevor Woolfe BSc Hons (Geol) is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person’s findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

The information in this document that relates to Historical Mineral Resources is extracted from the report entitled “Acquisition of High Grade Gold Project” created on 11 November 2014 and available to view on www.asx.com. The Company confirms that it is not in possession of any new information or data that materially impacts on the reliability of the estimates in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person’s findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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