

Northern Vertex Reports Positive Drill Results at Moss Gold Mine, Arizona

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Highlights Include 45 Feet of 1.388 g/t Gold, 25 feet of 1.488 g/t Gold, and 140 feet of 0.919 g/t Gold

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18, 2019 - [Northern Vertex Mining Corp.](#) (TSX.V: NEE) (OTC Nasdaq Intl.: NHVCF) (the "Company" or "Northern Vertex") is pleased to announce the results of 29 holes totaling approximately 14,140 feet from the reverse circulation ("RC") infill drill program (the "Program") recently completed at the Company's Moss Gold Mine, located in Northwest Arizona. The Program was carried out within the western area of the Moss Mine, west of the current mining operations, to upgrade the resource to M&I, and expand the planned pit to the south and to depth.

Kenneth Berry, President and CEO, states: "We are very pleased with these infill drill results, which compare favorably with the strongly mineralized holes previously drilled through the main Moss ore body. Results include intersecting multiple mineral zones within the Moss vein extension and numerous veins and stockworks in the hanging-wall. Mineralization is wide and continuous west with historic drill holes and surface sampling defining a 1.7 kilometer long corridor of gold mineralization including intercepts of Moss mine type gold and silver grades. We believe this mineralized corridor is a highly prospective area for additional mineral resources and reserves at the Moss mine."

Benefits of the completed Program have increased the confidence in our resource modeling, currently underway with a model expected mid-January 2020. Drilling will start up again in 2020 as the Company begins to exploit the western area of the Property.

Highlights of the West Pit Drill Program Include:

- Average cumulative thickness for all holes: 162 ft @ 0.642 g/t gold, 7.9 g/t silver
- Several holes drilled thick good grade mineralization from near surface:
 - AR 217R 65 ft @ 0.957 g/t gold, 3.0 g/t silver from 5-70 ft
 - AR 221R 50 ft @ 1.166 g/t gold, 8.5 g/t silver from 15-65 ft
 - AR 222R 25 ft @ 1.488 g/t gold, 4.8 g/t silver from 15-40 ft
 - AR 225R 70 ft @ 0.836 g/t gold, 5.3 g/t silver from, 15-85 ft
 - AR 228R 75 ft @ 0.918 g/t gold, 3.7 g/t silver from 0-75 ft
 - AR 233R 70 ft @ 0.737 g/t gold, 2.3 g/t silver from 0-70 ft
 - AR 240R 95 ft @ 1.031 g/t gold, 8.8 g/t silver from 10-105 ft
 - AR 242R 110 ft @ 0.535 g/t gold, 6.2 g/t silver from 0-110 ft
- Deep intercepts with significant mineralization drilled beneath current planned pit bottom:
 - AR 226R 140 ft @ 0.919 g/t gold, 21.9 g/t silver from 480-620 ft TD – open
 - AR 218R 90 ft @ 0.482 g/t gold, 16.3 g/t silver from 330-420 ft
 - AR 222R 55 ft @ 0.382 g/t gold, 6.3 g/t silver from 495-500 ft
 - AR 223R 145 ft @ 0.485 g/t gold, 8.3 g/t silver from 165-310 ft
 - AR 233R 35 ft @ 0.618 g/t gold, 16.0 g/t silver from 465-500 ft
 - AR 237R 45 ft @ 1.388 g/t gold, 16.6 g/t silver from 390-435 ft
- Grade-thickness products equivalent to ore intercepts in Phase II pit
- Deep oxidation – locally to > 600 ft, partial oxidation to >700 ft
- Simple mineralogy and geochemistry – same as Moss vein
Silver: Gold ratio averages 11:1 similar to Moss vein

Click the following link for detailed results of the total drill program: [West Pit Drill Results](#)

Drilling Discussion and Exploration Upside on the Moss Mine Concessions

The Program targeted the western area of the current Moss resource known as the West Pit. Drilling tested oxide gold mineralization within the Moss mineral resource and at depth beyond the current boundaries of the open pit. Most drill intercepted multiple thick zones of significant gold mineralization with several assays suggesting grades increase at depth and remain open. Click the link to view: [Cross section of hole AR-226 intercepting mineralization beyond the pit floor.](#)

These drill results show the widespread stockwork mineralization continues westward beyond the current limits of the Moss resource. Past work in this direction has defined a 1.7-kilometer-long trend of untested gold mineralization that comprises the following zones: West, Midwest and Far West Extensions. This trend is the top priority for resource expansion. Additionally, the Moss gold deposit is open to the east within the East Extension and represents the second ranked area for resource expansion. Targets outside the Moss Vein include the West Oatman Vein located 800 meters south of current mining operations. The following images demonstrate the upside exploration potential of the Moss Project: Long Section of the Moss Vein Extension and Plan of the Moss Mine.

West Extension: This area represents the westward continuation of the Moss Vein and stockwork mineralization. Percussion drilling in 2018, included 31 holes, which returned an average of 0.697 g/t gold and 2.1 g/t silver over a defined average of 43 feet in holes drilled to a depth of 94 feet from surface. Called the Mordor vein, this mineralization is open at depth and on strike. Further west, two RC drill holes drilled in 2017 returned 115 feet of 0.467 g/t gold and 159 feet of 0.435 g/t gold over stockwork zones on strike with the Moss vein/stockwork system.

Midwest Extension: Located to the west of the West Extension, the Midwest Extension hosts several gold intercepts from drill holes completed in 1991 by Reynolds Metals ⁽¹⁾ including several potentially economic intercepts such as 224 feet of 0.522 g/t gold in hole WO 91-7; 140 feet of 0.522 g/t gold in hole WO 91-6; 85 feet of 0.528 g/t gold in hole WO 91-5; and 65 feet of 0.518 g/t gold in hole WO 91-3. Confirmation follow-up drilling is currently being planned by Northern Vertex's technical team.

Far West Extension: This zone is the furthest mineralized area to the west of current mining operations. Here, mineralization is associated with broad stockwork veining containing scattered high-grade gold. Historic information suggests six drill holes completed in this area, although data from the program is currently unknown and unavailable.

East Extension: Located east of the open pit, the East Extension represents an undrilled area where gold mineralization is open at surface and extends for up to 2 kilometers in strike length. Percussion drilling completed by Northern Vertex at the east end of the planned open pit returned significant intervals including 72 feet of 5.10 g/t gold and 39.0 g/t silver and 72 feet of 1.96 g/t gold and 7.51 g/t silver. Exploration drilling is planned to follow this mineralization to the east onto the unpatented claims.

West Oatman Vein: This vein system is defined by a northwestern mineral trend mapped on surface for a distance of 4 kilometers. The system is similar to the Moss vein system with both well-developed veins, breccias and stockwork zones. Percussion drilling here by Reynolds ⁽¹⁾ in 1992 returned intercepts of 0.487 g/t gold over 90 feet including a close but separate interval of 0.518 g/t gold over 70 feet in hole 92-08.

⁽¹⁾ The Company cautions that a qualified person has not done sufficient work to verify the historical drilling data and has not substantiated any data as it pertains to such results; therefore, the reader should not rely upon such historical grades. The information is not necessarily indicative of mineralization on those mentioned Extensions and is provided as background and context material for the reader. The Company is treating the historical drilling data as a guideline to determining potential future exploration programs.

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Samples of drill cuttings were collected by the drilling crew using a wet rotary splitter to ensure a representative sample at every five-foot interval. Field notes were recorded for each sample documenting what was sampled and how the sample was collected. Samples were collected in bags with a sample tag inserted and delivered to a secure location prior to pick-up by Skyline Labs, a commercial laboratory in Tucson, Arizona. Skyline Labs is an ISO 9001:2008 qualified assay lab that uses and makes internal assaying controls. Quality control consisted of duplicate samples of cuttings collected every 200 feet of drilling and gold standards and blanks inserted every 50 feet into the sample stream.

At the lab, rock samples are dried, crushed and pulverized to 85% passing through a 200-mesh sieve. The pulps are assayed for gold using a 30 g split, Fire Assay (FA) and Atomic Absorption (AA) finish. Pulps from select samples were further analyzed for silver and copper.

15 gram split using 41-elements ICP. Silver assays used the fire assay data. Over limit assays for both gold and silver (gold and 100 g/t for silver) were rerun using a gravimetric procedure. Rejects and pulps are stored at Golden Vertex's v Bullhead City for future reference.

Qualified Person

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF NORTHERN VERTEX
"Kenneth Berry"
President & CEO

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