

# Viva Gold Corp. to Commence Drilling at the Tonopah Gold Project, Nevada

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[Viva Gold Corp.](#) (TSXV:VAU) (OTC:VAUCF) (the "Company" or "Viva") is pleased to advise that it plans to commence reverse circulation drilling operations at its Tonopah Gold Project ("Tonopah") by mid-February 2024. All drilling contracts are signed, and the Company has been granted approval by the US Bureau of Land Management for its Work Plan #42, allowing up to 23 new drill locations. We anticipate drilling approximately 12 to 15 holes to an average planned depth of 150 meters in this program. Archaeologic clearance and construction of drill pads is planned to commence February 5. Tonopah is located on the prolific Walker Lane mineral trend in western Nevada, about 20 minutes' drive from the town of Tonopah.

The focus of this program is to further delineate the new, near-surface, high-grade (>1.0 gram per tonne) gold zones discovered in our 2022/23 drill programs. These discoveries were typically related to approximate north-south splay fractures. A majority of the drillholes planned for the 2024 program are designed to offset the splay zones defined in the 2022/23 program to better determine the width extents and continuity of those zones. Other holes are designed to test undrilled gaps between known mineralized zones.

"As part of our recent resource modelling efforts at Tonopah, we determined that additional drilling was required to better define the width dimension of the newly discovered splay zones as well as to further infill along the strike length of those zones. All of these new drill-holes are planned in the eastern half of the main pit zone as defined in our 2022 PEA(1), an area that had historically been sparsely drilled, leaving room for new discovery. We believe that this additional drilling will help to further grow the shallow high-grade zones for early mining, while also helping to convert material previously carried as waste in our pit designs into mineralized resource. Either or both outcomes, if successful, will work to further improve already robust project economics", James Hesketh, President & CEO. "During 2024, Viva further plans to complete a new resource estimate and to advance Tonopah towards permitting and pre-Feasibility Study status. The gold market is supportive of new mine development opportunities and the Tonopah project presents a unique opportunity for investment in the heart of gold mining country".

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## Qualified Person

James Hesketh, MMSA-QP, has approved the scientific and technical disclosure contained in this press release. Mr. Hesketh is not independent of the Company; he is an Officer and Director.

## About Viva Gold

The Tonopah project sits in the middle of gold mining country and controls a major land position on the prolific Walker Lane Trend in Western Nevada. Viva has consistently grown its resources since 2017 and will be embarking on a new, fully funded drill program in early 2024 to further define and grow the current resource base. The Company plans to update the resource model and initiate Pre-Feasibility Study in 2024, both of which are major catalysts and value creation events for shareholders.

Viva Gold is led by CEO Jim Hesketh, a 40-year veteran in the mining space who has led the development and construction of eight other mines around the world throughout his career. Jim has surrounded himself with equally experienced mining professionals both on the management team and the board.

The Tonopah Gold Project has all the hallmarks of a successful mining development project as key infrastructure is in place and is supported by compelling economic studies.

Please reach out and get to know us as 2024 is shaping up to be a transformational year.

Viva Gold trades on the TSX Venture exchange "VAU", on the OTCQB "VAUCF" and on the Frankfurt exchange "7PB". Viva currently has ~118.4 million shares outstanding and boasts a best-in-class management team and board with decades of both gold exploration and production experience. The Company is advancing its high-grade Tonopah Gold Project in mining friendly Nevada with the support of several institutional shareholders. More information can be found on <https://www.Sedar.Com>.

Viva is committed to developing the Tonopah Gold Project in an environmentally and socially responsible fashion. These values are aligned with management's core values and permeate throughout our decision-making process.

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1. 2022 PEA: NI43-101 Technical Report, Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Tonopah Project (amended April 12, 2022) authored by Gustavson Associates including Donald E. Hulse, P.E., SME-RM; Christopher Emanuel, SME-RM; Deepak Malhotra, Ph.D., SME-RM; and Edward Bryant, AIPG, CPG

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