

Golden Phoenix Minerals Acquires New Project in Nevada and Reports Gold Grades Up to 1.1 oz/ton From Rock Samples

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DENVER, Jan. 19, 2016 - [Golden Phoenix Minerals Inc.](#) (OTCBB:GPXM) (“Golden Phoenix” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has renewed its exploration efforts in the Mineral Ridge District near Tonopah, Nevada. The Company’s technical team has conducted geological mapping and sampling in and around its extensive land position, much of which is on trend with the nearby Mineral Ridge Mine (70% Scorpio Gold and 30% Waterton Global Value L. P.). Recent initial results include rock samples containing up to 1.1 oz/ton of gold (36.9 grams per tonne). Based in part on this new information, Golden Phoenix has acquired several hundred acres of new mineral claims in the Silver Peak Range. This project is at an early stage; additional exploration will be required to further these results.

The Company’s geologists staked a total of 21 new mineral claims on U.S. Bureau of Land Management land in the Silver Peak Range covering approximately 420 acres (170 hectares). These new claims include the historic North Star Mine and surrounding areas that adjoin the Coyote Fault and Silver Peak claim groups, which have been optioned from Mhakari Gold Corp. This new acquisition brings the Company’s total land position in the district to more than 4,000 acres (1,620 hectares).

Golden Phoenix’s technical team includes senior geoscientists with more than 60 years of combined relevant experience in mineral exploration and development. In fact, a lead consultant for the Company is a senior geologist with considerable experience in Esmerelda County gold systems, including the mineralization found at the Mineral Ridge Mine. The team recognized a trend of alteration, favorable structure, and appropriate host rocks trending northwest from the nearby mine across the Company’s claims. As the Company’s understanding of the geological model improved, this targeted rock sampling confirmed the presence of potentially significant gold mineralization on pre-existing claims and the newly acquired property.

Geologists collected a total of 37 samples from outcrops, prospect pits, and historic mines and rock dumps. The recent program identified gold and multi-element geochemical anomalies spanning more than 2.8 miles (4.6 kilometres) of the trend. The Company believes that the gold content, geochemistry, scale, and structural geology of these targets suggest the presence of a potentially significant mineral system that appears to be separate from the mineralization at the Mineral Ridge Mine. The following table summarizes the highest-grade gold samples collected in this program to date.

| Sample ID | Au (g/tonne)* | Au (oz/ton) | Comments |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|---|
| GS-03 | 36.90 | 1.08 | Rock dump at North Star Mine |
| GS-01 | 33.60 | 0.98 | Outcrop sample at North Star Mine |
| GS-07 | 32.00 | 0.93 | Outcrop sample, no evidence of drilling or mining |
| GS-05 | 16.35 | 0.48 | Rock dump at North Star Mine |
| GS-02 | 6.53 | 0.19 | Rock dump at North Star Mine |
| GS-04 | 6.44 | 0.19 | Rock dump at North Star Mine |
| GS-10 | 6.03 | 0.18 | Outcrop sample at North Star Mine |
| H-08 | 4.33 | 0.13 | Rock dump from prospect pit |

* - Gold determinations by 30-gram fire assay/atomic absorption spectrometry and 1 assay ton fire assay with a gravimetric finish for samples containing more than 10 g/tonne gold

Don Gun, President and CEO of Golden Phoenix Minerals, commented on the new acquisition and gold results, “The new North Star Property is a strong addition to Golden Phoenix’s large land position at Mineral Ridge. We believe this preliminary work to be a good indication that a strong gold system may exist well to the northwest of the Mineral Ridge Mine. Our technical team has built a geological model to explain these targets; and this sampling demonstrates a scale and intensity that is encouraging. We look forward to advancing these targets in 2016.”

Comments about Quality Assurance and Quality Control: The work reported herein was conducted under the

supervision of Patrick Highsmith, a director of the Company and a Certified Professional Geologist (AIPG CPG# 11702) with more than 25 years relevant experience in the mining and exploration industry. Professional geologists collected all of these samples and delivered them to ALS Minerals Lab in Reno, Nevada for sample preparation and analysis. The Company employed industry standard methods of quality assurance and quality control, including the insertion of blind analytical control samples and repeat analyses. ALS Minerals is a leading provider of assay and geochemical services to the global mining industry. Relevant ALS facilities in Nevada and Vancouver, BC, Canada are registered to ISO 9001:2008 quality standards and have received ISO 17025 accreditation for the provision of fire assay gold determinations.

About the Company:

[Golden Phoenix Minerals Inc.](http://www.goldenphoenix.us) is a U.S. based mining company focused on growth through exploration, joint venture, and royalty opportunities in precious metals, primarily in the world-class mining jurisdiction of Nevada. The Company's current mineral properties consist of the North Star Project and large blocks of claims optioned throughout the Silver Peak Range of western Nevada, including the Coyote Fault, Silver Peak, Vanderbilt, and North Springs areas. More information on the Company can be found at www.goldenphoenix.us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Donald B. Gunn
President and CEO

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