Vancouver, British Columbia (FSCwire) - <u>Canarc Resource Corp.</u> (TSX: CCM, OTC-BB: CRCUF, Frankfurt: CAN) is pleased to provide an update on its strategic plans going forward.

With the closing of the sale of Oro Silver in the 2nd quarter to Endeavour Silver (“Endeavour”), Canarc is now in its strongest financial position in twenty years, with approximately \$6 million in cash and \$6.5 million in Endeavour shares (based on the recent Endeavour share price). The enhanced treasury allows the Company to expand its growth strategies and pursue larger M&A opportunities in order to create additional value for shareholders.

In the bear market, Canarc focused primarily on partnering its New Polaris and Windfall Hills gold projects and seeking mine acquisitions with small but near-term production potential. Now that a new gold cycle is underway, the Company plans to diversify its strategies to include gold resource growth as well as gold production and cash flow, by pursuing three key objectives:

- 1. Acquire gold mining projects with near term production potential in the Americas:
- a) Management is currently reviewing several projects ranging from producing mines to development projects with near term production potential located in Mexico, US and Canada. The focus is on projects where we can add value through our mine building and operating expertise.
- 2. Acquire or option advanced gold-silver exploration projects with existing gold resources and upside potential,
- a) We recently recognized opportunities to acquire gold resource projects in Canada and the USA that would stand to benefit from an environment of increasing gold prices and would be accretive to Canarc on a gold oz per share basis. Canarc will focus on projects where we can add value through our evaluation and exploration expertise and rapidly grow our gold resource inventory.
- 3. Advance New Polaris to feasibility with a partner and Windfall Hills through staged exploration:
- a) New Polaris is currently optioned to PanTerra Gold who upon completion of the Phase 1 metallurgical test work this year will consider a \$3.5 million Phase 2 pre-feasibility work program.
- b) Canarc plans to complete a \$250,000 geophysical IP-resistivity survey this year on its 100% owned Windfall Hills project to follow up on the successful Phase 1 drill results which included 1.54 grams per tonne gold over 28 metres. Windfall Hills is located ninety kilometers northwest of New Gold's Blackwater-Davidson deposit where resources total 9.3 million oz gold and 67.8 million oz silver.

Qualified Person

Garry Biles, P. Eng, President & COO for <u>Canarc Resource Corp.</u>, is the Qualified Person who reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

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About Canarc Resource Corp. - Canarc is a growth-oriented, gold exploration and mining Company listed on the TSX (CCM) and the OTC-BB (CRCUF). The Company is currently focused on acquiring operating, development stage and advanced exploration gold mines or properties in the Americas and further advancing its gold properties in north and central BC.

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