

TORONTO, Sept. 25, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Marathon Gold Corp.](#) ("Marathon" or the "Company") (TSX:MOZ) is pleased to announce the appointment of Janice Stairs, LLB, MBA to Marathon's board of directors effective immediately.

Janice Stairs has over 25 years' experience working with companies involved in the resource sector. She is currently General Counsel to [Namibia Rare Earths Inc.](#) ("NRE"), a TSX Venture Exchange listed explorer focused in Namibia. Prior to joining NRE in September 2011, Ms. Stairs was General Counsel to Endeavour Mining Corporation, a position she assumed in September 2010 after Endeavour acquired [Etruscan Resources Inc.](#) where Ms. Stairs had held the positions of Vice President and General Counsel since 2004. Prior to 2004, Ms. Stairs was a partner with the law firm of McInnes Cooper (formerly Patterson Palmer) located in Halifax, Nova Scotia and she continues to act as counsel to the firm. She practiced law in private practice for almost 20 years specializing in corporate finance, securities and resource-related issues for private and public companies. Ms. Stairs is a director of [Trilogy Metals Inc.](#) (formerly NovaCopper Inc.), [Gabriel Resources Ltd.](#) and [AuRico Metals Inc.](#) She holds a law degree from Dalhousie University and a Masters in Business Administration from Queens University, both in Canada.

"We are delighted to have a director of Mrs. Stairs' caliber joining our board of directors. Her expertise in corporate finance, securities and resource related issues of public companies will be a valuable asset to the Company as we continue to advance the development of the Valentine Lake Gold Camp," stated Phillip Walford, President and CEO of Marathon and George Faught, Chairman of Marathon.

About Marathon

Marathon is a Toronto based gold exploration company rapidly advancing its 100% owned Valentine Lake Gold Camp located in Newfoundland, one of the top mining jurisdictions in the world. The Valentine Lake Gold Camp currently hosts four near-surface, mainly pit-shell constrained, deposits with measured and indicated resources totaling 1,388,200 oz. of gold at 1.91 g/t and inferred resources totaling 766,500 oz. of gold at 2.24 g/t. The majority of the resources occur in the Marathon and Leprechaun deposits, which also have resources below the pit shell. Both deposits are open to depth and on strike. Gold mineralization has been traced down over 350 metres vertically at Leprechaun and almost a kilometer at Marathon. The four deposits outlined to date occur over a 20-kilometer system of gold bearing veins, with much of the 24,000-hectare property having had little detailed exploration activity to date. Drilling in 2017 is continuing to focus on expanding the Marathon Deposit at surface and to depth.

The Valentine Lake Gold Camp is accessible by year-round roads and is located in close proximity to Newfoundland's electrical grid. Marathon maintains a 50-person all-season camp at the property. Recent metallurgical tests have demonstrated 93% to 98% recoveries via conventional milling and 50% to 70% recoveries via low cost heap leaching at both the Leprechaun and Marathon Deposits.

To find out more information on the Valentine Lake Gold Camp please visit www.marathon-gold.com.

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