

Mirasol Signs Option and Farm-in Agreement with Newcrest for a Joint Venture on the Altazor Gold Project in Chile

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 21, 2017 /CNW/ - [Mirasol Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX-V: MRZ, OTCQK: MRZLF) (the "Company" or "Mirasol") pleased to announce that it has signed an option and farm-in agreement (the "Agreement") with Newcrest International, a wholly owned subsidiary of [Newcrest Mining Ltd.](#) (ASX: NCM) for Mirasol's Altazor High Sulfidation Epithermal (HSE) gold mine in northern Chile (the "Altazor Project"). NCM has the right to acquire, in multiple stages, up to 80% of Mirasol's wholly-owned Altazor Project by completing a series of exploration and development milestones and making staged option payments totaling up to US\$100 million to Mirasol.

Newcrest Mining ("NCM") is one of the world's largest gold mining companies, operating 5 mines in Australia, the Asia Pacific and Africa regions. NCM has extensive experience developing and operating successful mines in culturally and geographically diverse environments. NCM seeks to identify and secure large mineral districts, or provinces, in order to establish long term mineral reserves.

Stephen Nano, CEO of Mirasol, stated that "we are very pleased to be partnering with Newcrest to explore the Altazor Project. This is Newcrest's first Chilean farm-in since its strategic decision to reinstate exploration in the Americas. Newcrest has made a significant first year commitment to the project that will allow us to accelerate this season's exploration program and conduct a decision to drill."

Mirasol and NCM are preparing for an aggressive exploration program this southern Hemisphere summer season at Altazor, comprising systematic soil sampling, CoreScan¹ alteration mapping, detailed geological mapping, magnetics and electromagnetic geophysics.

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Terms of the Agreement

Option phase:

- A US\$100,000 cash payment upon signing the Agreement;
- NCM has a minimum commitment to spend US\$1.5 million in the first-year exploration program;
- Mirasol will operate the project during the Option phase (1st year) and will receive a 10% management fee; and
- At the end of the first year, NCM will have the right to exercise the farm-in phase of the Agreement.

Farm-in phase:

- Stage 1: If NCM elects to exercise the option to farm-in, NCM will make a cash payment to Mirasol of US\$500,000 (the right to earn 51% of the Project over a 4-year period (total 5 years) by spending an additional US\$8.5 million (million));
- Stage 2: If NCM elects to proceed to Stage 2 of the farm-in, it will make a cash payment to Mirasol of US\$650,000 (the right to earn 65% of the Project over an additional 2 year period (total 7 years), by funding the delivery of a positive economic assessment ("PEA"), in accordance with NI 43-101 on a resource of not less than 1,000,000 ounces of gold grade of 0.30 grams per tonne (g/t);
- Stage 3: If NCM elects to proceed to Stage 3 of the farm-in, it will make a cash payment to Mirasol of US\$650,000 (the right to earn 75% of the Project over an additional 2-year period (total 9 years) by funding the lesser of either: (i) a cash expenditure after the completion of Stage 2 of US\$100 million; or (ii) the delivery of a positive bankable² Feasibility Study in accordance with NI 43-101;
- Stage 4: After completion of Stage 3, Mirasol can elect to contribute its proportionate share (25%) of further development expenditures or exercise a financing option requiring NCM to finance Mirasol's share of the development costs through production in exchange for a further 5% interest in the Project. If Mirasol exercises the financing option: (i) Mirasol's interest will be reduced from 25% to 20% and NCM's interest will be increased from 75% to 80%, and (ii) the loan will have an interest rate of 12 month LIBOR + 3% and will be repaid from 70% of Mirasol's share of dividends and be secured against the share of the subsidiary that holds the interest in the Project and its right to dividends.
- NCM has the option to extend each of Stage 2 and Stage 3 by making the following payments to Mirasol:
 - During Stage 2: US\$250,000 for one additional year
 - During Stage 3: US\$500,000 for one year and additional USD\$750,000 for a second year

Additional terms:

- The Agreement contains a 2% NSR dilution royalty (triggered upon dilution of a party's interest to 10%), with a 0.5% buyback right for NCM at fair market value.
- The Agreement contains pre-emptive rights provisions should either party elect to sell its interest in the Project.
- In the event that NCM should complete Stage 1, but elect not to proceed to Stage 2, then NCM's 51% interest shall be diluted to a 49% interest.
- In the event that NCM completes Stage 2, but elects not to proceed to Stage 3, then NCM's 65% interest shall be diluted to a 60% interest and the parties may agree to halt further exploration or continue and contribute in proportion to their interest.
- After NCM has met the minimum commitment in the Option phase, NCM may terminate at any time without liability. Any expenditure incurred by NCM prior to termination will not be refunded by Mirasol.
- NCM may elect at any time after the Option phase to become the Manager, such election to take effect on 6 months after the election.

The Altazor Project:

Altazor is a new 100% Mirasol owned, 2,900 ha HSE gold project, located in an underexplored section of the prolifically mineralized Mio-Pliocene age mineral belt of Northern Chile (Figure 1 and see news release October 11, 2017). Mirasol believes the Altazor is highly prospective for the discovery of new world class Au+Ag deposits, as exemplified by the recent discoveries of the 1.5 million-ounce Salares Norte³ by Gold Fields and Barrick Gold's 6.8 million ounce Alturas⁴ HSE gold deposits.

Altazor is centred within a dacite to andesite composition volcanic complex hosting a very large-scale advanced argillic alteration system that may cover an area of up to 75 sq-km. Mirasol's geological mapping has outlined a large phreatomagmatic breccia complex currently known over approximately 5.0 by 1.8 km area with individual breccia bodies up to 700 by 350 m. Chip and soil sampling at the project has returned anomalous assays from the breccias, vuggy silica and siliceous veinlets. The breccia bodies of up to 562 ppb Au and 650 ppb Ag, with elevated epithermal path finder elements. Assays of the breccias are considered potentially significant in this geological setting in the context of the pre-drill surface sampling at Salares Norte.

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2015 at Mirasol Resources Ltd:

Mirasol is an premier project generation company that is focused on the discovery and development of profitable precious metal and copper deposits, operating via the joint venture business model. Strategic joint ventures with precious metal producers have enabled Mirasol to maintain a tight share structure while advancing its priority projects that are focused in high-potential regions in Chile and Argentina. Mirasol employs an integrated generative and on-ground exploration approach, combining leading-edge technologies and experienced exploration geoscientists to maximize the potential for discovery. Mirasol is in a strong financial position and has a significant portfolio of exploration projects located within the Tertiary Age Mineral belts of Chile and the Jurassic age Au+Ag district of Santa Cruz Province Argentina.

Stephen Nano, President and CEO of Mirasol, has approved the technical content of this news release and is a Qualified Person under NI 43 -101.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control of the Altazor exploration program: All exploration on the project was supervised by Mirasol CEO, Stephen C. Nano, who is the Qualified Person under NI 43-101.

Mirasol applies industry standard exploration sampling methodologies and techniques. All geochemical rock and drill samples are collected under the supervision of the company's geologists in accordance with industry practice. Geochemical assays are obtained and reported under a quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) program. Samples are dispatched to an ISO 9001:2008 accredited laboratory in Chile for analysis. Assay results from surface rock, channel, trench, and drill core samples may be higher, lower or similar to results obtained from surface samples due to surficial oxidation and enrichment processes or due to natural geological grade variations in the primary mineralization.

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