

Mirasol Acquires Zeus High-Sulfidation Epithermal Gold Project Located in the Miocene Mineral Belt of Northern Chile

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 16, 2018 /CNW/ - [Mirasol Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX-V: MRZ, OTCPK: MRZLF, "Mirasol", the "Company") pleased to announce the acquisition and initial exploration results from the newly recognized Zeus high-sulfidation epithermal (HSE) gold project located in the prolifically mineralized Mio-Pliocene age belt of Northern Chile.

Zeus Highlights

- Zeus is located 40 km ESE of the multimillion ounce Salares Norte HSE discovery by Gold Fields
- Zeus is a large-area Au target in the prospective Chilean Mio-Pliocene age mineral belt, covering 18,480 ha of contiguous exploration claims (15,980 ha 100% Mirasol owned; 2,500 ha controlled by Mirasol via a 5-year option to purchase agreement)
- Zeus presently hosts two recognized breccia-hosted gold targets – the Artemisa and Apollo prospects. Au grades from rock chip sampling of up to 1.28 g/t Au are found in a permissive high-level epithermal breccia setting
- Zeus is located in undulating high altitude terrain with drive-up access to targets via gravel roads and tracks

Stephen Nano, the Company's CEO stated that "Mirasol Resources continues to build a portfolio of exciting new large-scale gold projects in this underexplored section of the Mio-Pliocene age mineral belt. Zeus represents the 3rd of Mirasol's discovery project packages in this belt including Mirasol's Altazor and Gorbea projects, that are being explored under Joint Venture with Newcrest Mining (See News release November 21, 2017) and Yamana Gold (see news release September 11, 2017).

The Zeus project (Figure 1) comprises 18,480 ha of contiguous exploration claims. 15,980 ha of claims were staked by Mirasol as part of its Atacama-Puna generative program, and a further 2,500 ha of claims are controlled by Mirasol via a 5-year option to purchase agreement with the underlying property owner. Mirasol can acquire 100% of these claims by making staged payments totalling US\$2.75 million over the 5 years with US\$2.45 million of the payments due in the 5th year of the option. The property owner will retain 1.5% NSR royalty. Mirasol has a right to buy 0.5% of the royalty for US\$3.0 million.

Mirasol is targeting large-scale bulk-mineable HSE gold mineralization at Zeus. There has been no previous systematic exploration nor drilling at the Zeus project, where Mirasol has identified two large breccia-hosted gold targets at Artemisa and Apollo. The reconnaissance stage exploration results from both prospects are considered very encouraging for this early exploration work.

The next stage of exploration at the project is anticipated to include systematic soil sampling, geological mapping and rock sampling, as well as magnetic and electrical geophysical surveys. Once acquired, these data sets will be used to drive analysis for drill target selection, anticipated by the end of this field season (late April 2018 to May 2018). Mirasol is actively seeking a JV partner to advance the exploration and drill testing of the Zeus project.

Project Geology

Zeus is located 40 km east-south-east of Gold Fields' 3.8 million ounce Salares Norte¹ HSE project along the trans-oro-culampaja structural corridor, which is believed to have played a critical role in localizing a number of large-scale tertiary and porphyry copper gold deposits in Chile and Argentina.

The two HSE precious metal targets at Artemisa and Apollo are interpreted to be twin phreatomagmatic breccia bodies. Brecciation plays an important role of rock preparation that facilitates later hydrothermal fluid access and may act as host for precious metal mineralization in large HSE deposits, such the new Mio-Pliocene Salares Norte and Barrick Gold's 6.8 million ounce Alturas² discovery in Chile.

At Artemisa (Figure 2) Mirasol's exploration has outlined an 800 m diameter advanced argillic altered breccia where reconnaissance level soil sampling has defined a low-level coincident Au, Ag, As, Cu, Pb, Sb, Mo anomaly, which overlies the edge of the mapped breccia body. The level of the geochemistry anomaly is similar to that seen at surface overlying the Salares Norte orebody³; at Artemisa this may represent geochemical leakage from a concealed zone of mineralization at depth.

At Apollo (Figure 3) a 0.6 x 1.2 km wide crescent-shaped zone of advanced argillic and intermediate argillic altered pyrobreccias and epiclastic sediments outcrop through a window in post-mineral lava flows. This alteration is interpreted by geologists to be hosted by a partially exposed phreatomagmatic breccia and flow-dome complex. Mirasol has undertaken mapping, rock chip sampling and alteration modelling from 218 samples recently collected throughout the Apollo alteration zone (Figure 4). Assay results show wide-spread strongly anomalous Ag, As, Ba, Hg, Sb, with 38 of 218 samples collected in the window returning gold assays in the range 0.1 to 1.28 g/t Au. Gold mineralization reports to silica-pyrite flooded breccias and oxidized vuggy quartz-jarosite breccias.

Mirasol invites investors to follow the Mio-Pliocene HSE gold story by visiting www.mirasolresources.com and signing up to receive our news releases.

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 soil, stream, rock and rock chip samples are collected under the supervision of the company's geologists in accordance with industry practice. Geochemical results are obtained and reported under a quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) program. Samples are dispatched to a 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 and natural geological grade variations in the primary mineralization.

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¹ Gold Fields. (2016). The Gold Fields Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Supplement to the Integrated Annual Report 2016 (total resources including inferred of 3.8 M oz Au at 4.6 g/t Au and 43.8 M oz Ag at 53.1 g/t Ag).

² [Barrick Gold Corp.](#). (2016). Annual Report 2016 Alturas (6.8 M oz inferred resource at 1.00 g/t Au).

³ Azevedo, F., Brewer, N., Santos, A., Huete Verdugo, D., Baumgartner, R., Roncal, L., Trueman, A. & Foley, A. (2015). Discovery and geology of the Salares Norte epithermal gold-silver deposit, northern Chile. In NewGenGold 2015 (p145-146). Perth, Australia.

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