Canarc Completes Airborne Geophysical Survey Over the Newly Acquired Hard Cash Gold Property in Nunavut, Canada

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VANCOUVER, January 23, 2019 - <u>Canarc Resource Corp.</u> (TSX: CCM, OTCQB: CRCUF, FRA: CAN) announces the completion of a 970 line-km airborne magnetic and radiometric survey over the newly acquired 2,090 hectare Hard Cash Gold Property, located in southwestern Nunavut, Canada.

Scott Eldridge, Canarc's CEO, stated: "Since identifying Hard Cash late last year as a district scale gold exploration opportunity, Canarc has visited the site, sampled high grade gold in bedrock, signed an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest, completed an aero-geophysical survey, and we plan to drill the initial high priority targets this summer. We are moving expeditiously to execute our new corporate strategy of acquiring and exploring high impact gold discovery projects and de-risking our current core assets in order to create shareholder value."

Canarc recently entered into an option agreement with Silver Range Resources to acquire a 100% interest in Hard Cash (see news release dated November 29, 2018). Nunavut is home to two multi-million ounce gold deposits at the operating Meadowbank Mine and the Meliadine Mine currently under construction, both owned by Agnico Eagle Mines.

The survey data are now being interpreted and results will be released following receipt of the report from the geophysical contractor, Geotech Ltd.

Historic Exploration Results

Gold was first discovered on the Hard Cash property in 1946 in the area of the Swamp showing. Small, historic exploration programs located high-grade gold mineralization associated with quartz-carbonate-sulfide veins within a broad, northeast-trending, quartz-sericite altered shear zone. Elsewhere on the property, one gold showing was found within a banded iron formation.

Recent prospecting identified multiple high-grade Archean lode gold showings, extending the known mineralization for 3.4 km along the altered shear zone. Bedrock mineralization is best exposed at the Swamp Showing at the northeast end of the trend where quartz-carbonate-sulfide veins occur within a 60 to 100 m wide shear zone.

Historic sampling of outcrop and proximal float from the Swamp Zone returned values to 125 g/t gold with 719 g/t silver. Sampling of float boulders along a 1.0 km extension to the southwest has returned values to 116 g/t gold with 1,030 g/t silver and sampling of sheared outcrop at the Pond Showing, to the southwest, has returned values to 11.45 g/t gold with 719 g/t silver.

Float boulder sampling, up to 2.7 km southeast of the Southeast Lineament, returned several high gold values, including 6.81 and 12.45 g/t gold from separate locations. A large boulder, 450 metres southeast of the Swamp Zone, returned a value of 95.7 g/t gold with 251 g/t silver.

Canarc considers these results to be historical, it has not completed sufficient work to independently verify these historic results.

Canarc's consulting geologist visited the property in September 2018 and sampled similar high-grade gold

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assays in quartz vein float and outcrop samples including 72.6 gpt Au and 14.6 gpt Au respectively for quartz vein float and outcrop samples collected at and near the Swamp showing.

The property has seen only minor, shallow historic drilling. Nine small diameter holes were drilled at the northeastern end of the Swamp Zone between 1946 and 1956. In 2017 Silver Range conducted a small program of very shallow pack sack drilling (29 meters in 7 holes) which failed to reach the targeted structures and depths due to mechanical issues with the equipment.

The new geophysical survey results are intended to help define the magnetic and radiometric responses of the known gold mineralization and identify new high priority drill targets along the gold mineralized trend where it is covered by glacial overburden.

Qualified Person

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

"Scott Eldridge"

Scott Eldridge, Chief Executive Officer CANARC RESOURCE CORP.

About Canarc - <u>Canarc Resource Corp.</u> is a growth-oriented gold exploration company focused on generating superior shareholder returns by discovering, exploring and developing strategic gold deposits in North America. The Company is currently advancing two core assets, each with substantial gold resources, and has initiated a high impact exploration strategy to acquire and explore new properties that have district-scale gold discovery potential. Canarc shares trade on the TSX: CCM and the OTCQX: CRCUF.

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