

Marathon Gold Announces Appointment of Hannes Portmann as Chief Financial Officer

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TORONTO, Oct. 07, 2019 - [Marathon Gold Corp.](#) (“Marathon” or the “Company”) (TSX: MOZ) is pleased to announce the appointment of Hannes Portmann as Chief Financial Officer, effective October 16, 2019.

Mr. Portmann is a mining executive with significant financial management and capital markets experience. Most recently (2008 to 2018) he was employed by New Gold Inc. in a series of progressively more senior roles including Executive Vice President, Business Development and, ultimately, President and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to New Gold, he was a member of the Merrill Lynch investment banking mining group (2006 to 2008) and the assurance and advisory practices of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (2002 to 2006). Mr. Portmann is a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Matt Manson, President and CEO, stated, “On behalf of the board of directors, I am excited to welcome Hannes to the Marathon Gold team. Hannes will assume immediate responsibility for the day to day financial management of our business. At the same time, he will take on an expanded mandate covering Business Development, drawing upon his extensive mining industry and capital markets experience. Hannes’ skill sets are extremely complimentary to those of our existing senior leadership team, and I look forward to partnering with him as we move forward with the development of the Valentine Gold Project in Newfoundland.”

Mr. Portmann holds a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from Queen’s University and a Masters of Management and Professional Accounting from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. Mr. Portmann is also a member of the Board of Directors of [SilverCrest Metals Inc.](#)

Matt Manson added, “We also wish to express our gratitude to Jim Kirke, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary, who will be leaving the Company after a transitional period. Mr. Kirke has played an integral part in the success of Marathon Gold and its predecessor companies, and we wish him well in his future endeavours.”

About Marathon

Marathon is a Toronto based gold company rapidly advancing its 100%-owned Valentine Gold Project located in central Newfoundland, one of the top mining jurisdictions in the world. The Valentine Gold Project comprises a series of mineralised deposits along a 20-kilometer system of gold bearing Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite veins. The project is accessible by year-round road and is in close proximity to the provincial electrical grid. To date, four gold deposits at Valentine have been delineated, including the large Leprechaun and Marathon deposits. An October 2018 Preliminary Economic Assessment showed the project to be amenable to open pit mining and conventional milling over a twelve-year mine life. Total Mineral Resources currently comprise Measured Mineral Resources of 16.6 million tonnes at a grade of 2.18 g/t containing 1,166,500 oz. of gold, Indicated Mineral Resources of 28.5 million tonnes at a grade of 1.66 g/t containing 1,524,900 oz. of gold and Inferred Mineral Resources of 26.9 million tonnes at a grade of 1.77 g/t containing 1,531,600 oz. of gold. For more information, readers are referred to the technical report prepared in accordance with the requirements of NI 43-101 dated October 30, 2018 for further details and assumptions relating to the project.

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