

Marathon Gold Reports Latest Berry Drill Results

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TORONTO, Aug. 24, 2021 - [Marathon Gold Corp.](#) ("Marathon" or the "Company"; TSX: MOZ) is pleased to report the latest drill assay results from the Valentine Gold Project in central Newfoundland (the "Project"; Figure 1). These latest results represent fire assay data from fifteen diamond drill holes completed as part of the ongoing in-fill drill campaign at the 1.5 kilometre long Berry Deposit. Highlights include:

- VL-21-1035 intersected 22.97 g/t Au over 6 metres including 133.13 g/t Au over 1 metre, and 1.73 g/t Au over 39 metres including 39.51 g/t Au over 1 metre, and 1.51 g/t Au over 31 metres, and 2.00 g/t Au over 15 metres;
- VL-21-1038 intersected 25.38 g/t Au over 4 metres including 98.08 over 1 metres;
- VL-21-1030 intersected 2.50 g/t Au over 27 metres including 13.90 g/t Au over 1 metre;
- VL-21-1027 intersected 3.04 g/t Au over 22 metres including 11.49 g/t Au over 2 metres;
- VL-21-1036 intersected 1.54 g/t Au over 33 metres including 11.08 g/t Au over 1 metre;
- VL-21-1033 intersected 2.44 g/t Au over 19 metres including 19.91 g/t Au over 1 metre;
- VL-21-1032 intersected 6.07 g/t Au over 8 metres including 24.38 g/t Au over 1 metre; and
- VL-21-1029 intersected 1.80 g/t Au over 24 metres including 17.03 g/t Au over 1 metre.

All quoted intersections comprise uncut gold assays in core lengths. All significant assay intervals are reported in Table 1.

Matt Manson, President and CEO, commented: "These latest drill results represent the continued filling-out of our drill coverage at Berry over its full 1.5 kilometre extent, and at greater depths. Our exploration thesis at Berry has been to delineate the strong "Main Zone" type mineralization close to the Valentine Lake Shear Zone, to test the continuity of this Main Zone between the western and eastern portions of Berry, and to test for more fully developed concentrations of mineralization within the hanging wall rocks. The fifteen holes released today are all targeting one or other of these goals. Of note, we are now seeing a very strong area of hanging wall mineralization in the western portion of Berry, well outside the current conceptual pit shell boundary. This is illustrated by the multiple long intercepts of resource grade gold mineralization in hole VL-21-1035 on section 13670E (Figures 3 and 4). This is highly encouraging. We currently have two diamond drill rigs operating at Berry as part of our 2021 exploration program, one rig operating at the Victory Deposit, one rig undertaking geotechnical studies at the Leprechaun Deposit, and an additional reverse circulation rig operating on our grade control and resource reconciliation program. We expect to be reporting results from our exploration drill programs on a regular basis through to the end of the year."

Figure 1: Location Map, Valentine Gold Project

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The results released today are derived from five drillholes located on sections 13650E and 13670E at the western end of the Berry Deposit, and ten drillholes located between sections 14230E and 14460E, close to, or within, the connecting area between the two conceptual pit shells utilized in the April 2021 Berry Mineral Resource Estimate (Figure 2).

Gold mineralization at the Valentine Gold Project is contained predominantly within shallowly southwest dipping, en-echelon stacked Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite-Gold ("QTP-Au") veins. At the Leprechaun, Marathon and Berry Deposits, these QTP-Au veins form densely stacked and northwest plunging "Main Zone" envelopes within intrusive host rocks on the hanging wall (northwest) side of the Valentine Lake Shear Zone ("VLSZ"). The extent of mineralization appears related to the size and frequency of sheared mafic dykes which extend northeast-southwest within the hanging wall, parallel to the shear zone.

Five of the fifteen holes were oriented on a southeast azimuth towards the footwall contact with the VLSZ to test for mineralization at progressive distances into the Berry Deposit's hanging-wall rocks (VL-21-1024,

1027, 1028, 1031, 1032). Ten of the fifteen holes were oriented steeply down to the northwest testing for Main Zone type stacked QTP-Au mineralization, either close to the VLSZ (VL-21-1026, 1034, 1036) or within the hanging wall (VL-21-1025, 1029, 1030, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1038).

All fifteen drill holes returned "significant" drill intercepts of greater than 0.7 g/t Au (Table 1), and all fifteen returned additional intercepts with gold grades above the 0.3 g/t Au cut-off used in the April 2021 Berry Mineral Resource Estimate.

Figure 2: Location of Berry Deposit Exploration Drill Hole Collars VL-21-1024 to VL-21-1038
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Table 1: Significant Assay Intervals from Drill Hole Collars VL-21-1004 to VL-21-1023, Berry Deposit, Valentine Gold Project

DDH	Section	Az	Dip	From	To	Core Length (m)	True Thickness (m)	Gold g/t	Gold g/t (cut)	
VL-21-1024	13650E	164	-70	17	19	2	1.70	1.86		
				23	24	1	0.85	3.38		
				53	54	1	0.85	1.01		
				74	75	1	0.85	2.52		
				144	156	12	10.20	0.95		
				211	212	1	0.85	2.33		
				216	217	1	0.85	1.05		
				221	222	1	0.85	0.93		
				226	227	1	0.85	1.89		
				232	239	7	5.95	0.89		
VL-21-1025	14460E	344	-58	40	46	6	4.80	0.90		
				52	53	1	0.80	1.22		
				133	134	1	0.80	1.22		
				137	138	1	0.80	0.74		
				198	199	1	0.80	2.75		
VL-21-1026	14350E	344	-79	14	15	1	0.90	0.97		
				22	23	1	0.90	0.89		
				105	106	1	0.90	1.14		
				256	257	1	0.90	1.53		
				262	279	17	15.30	0.86		
VL-21-1027	13650E	164	-70	30	52	22	18.70	3.04		
				Including	36	38	2	1.70	11.49	
				92	93	1	0.85	1.62		
				153	154	1	0.85	0.81		
				172	173	1	0.85	0.75		
				185	194	9	7.65	0.88		
				198	199	1	0.85	2.53		
				204	205	1	0.85	1.52		
VL-21-1028	14440E	166	-70	18	21	3	2.55	0.76		
				52	53	1	0.85	0.72		
				58	64	6	5.10	0.77		
				96	97	1	0.85	0.78		
				103	104	1	0.85	1.29		
VL-21-1029	14350E	345	-76	15	16	1	0.90	0.70		
				150	151	1	0.90	14.10		
				155	156	1	0.90	2.02		

	160	161	1	0.90	20.78	
	171	172	1	0.90	0.91	
	194	195	1	0.90	4.00	
	249	252	3	2.70	2.38	
	300	324	24	21.60	1.80	
Including	322	323	1	0.90	17.03	
VL-21-1030 13650E 344 -75	29	30	1	0.90	0.96	
	38	42	4	3.60	2.88	
	59	60	1	0.90	1.39	
	144	146	2	1.80	2.40	
	159	171	12	10.80	0.98	
	205	232	27	24.30	2.50	
Including	231	232	1	0.90	13.90	
	278	281	3	2.70	0.85	
	288	297	9	8.10	0.87	
VL-21-1031 14390E 162 -80	14	15	1	0.90	0.73	
	118	119	1	0.90	6.35	
VL-21-1032 14370E 164 -70	52	53	1	0.85	1.41	
	164	172	8	6.80	6.07	
Including	169	170	1	0.85	24.38	
VL-21-1033 14350E 345 -77	239	251	12	10.80	0.86	
	267	268	1	0.90	7.74	
	280	299	19	17.10	2.44	
Including	281	282	1	0.90	19.91	
	309	328	19	17.10	0.79	
	335	337	2	1.80	0.75	
VL-21-1034 14400E 342 -77	10.71	13	2.29	2.06	2.01	
	30	31	1	0.90	1.22	
	47	48	1	0.90	0.81	
	101	102	1	0.90	2.88	
	117	119	2	1.80	3.13	
	131	132	1	0.90	4.88	
	183	184	1	0.90	23.00	
	188	189	1	0.90	0.89	
	204	206	2	1.80	1.26	
	229	230	1	0.90	2.11	
	240	242	2	1.80	1.62	
VL-21-1035 13670E 345 -75	28	29	1	0.90	0.73	
	42	43	1	0.90	0.86	
	50	51	1	0.90	1.31	
	55	56	1	0.90	4.37	
	141	146	5	4.50	1.14	
	157	163	6	5.40	22.97	5.78
Including	160	161	1	0.90	133.13	30
	188	189	1	0.90	1.71	
	193	194	1	0.90	1.25	
	214	229	15	13.50	2.00	
	254	293	39	35.10	1.73	1.48
Including	261	262	1	0.90	39.51	30
	303	342	39	35.10	1.51	
VL-21-1036 14230E 342 -74	40	45	5	4.50	1.56	
	91	93	2	1.80	3.50	

			212	245	33	29.70	1.54	
Including			235	236	1	0.90	11.08	
			254	255	1	0.90	2.34	
			271	272	1	0.90	0.96	
			283	284	1	0.90	0.84	
			286	291	5	4.50	0.76	
			295	297	2	1.80	1.48	
VL-21-1037	14340E	343 -69	42	43	1	0.85	1.97	
			71	72	1	0.85	1.56	
			146	147	1	0.85	5.26	
VL-21-1038	13670E	342 -75	30	31	1	0.90	1.92	
			35	36	1	0.90	1.95	
			48	49	1	0.90	0.72	
			64	66	2	1.80	0.93	
			95	96	1	0.90	0.77	
			115	119	4	3.60	25.38	8.36
Including			116	117	1	0.90	98.08	30
			123	125	2	1.80	0.87	
			133	135	2	1.80	1.73	
			149	151	2	1.80	1.21	
			164	165	1	0.90	0.78	
			179	180	1	0.90	0.78	
			205	206	1	0.90	3.20	

Notes on the Calculation of Assay Intervals

1. "Significant" assay intervals are defined as 1m core length or more of mineralization with an average fire assay result of greater than 0.7 g/t Au, representing the bottom cut-off for high-grade mill feed in the Marathon April 2021 Feasibility Study mine plan. Assay intervals with an average fire assay result of between 0.3 g/t Au and 0.7 g/t Au are above the cut-off used in the April 2021 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Berry Deposit but are not considered "significant" for the purposes of this news release.
2. Cut gold grades are calculated at 30 g/t Au.
3. No significant assays were returned in drill hole VL-21-1013

Figure 3: Cross Section 13670E (View NE) with Significant (>0.7 g/t Au) Intercepts, Berry Deposit, Valentine Gold Project.

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Figure 4: Cross Section 13670E (View NE) with all Fire Assay Data, Berry Deposit, Valentine Gold Project.

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Quality Assurance-Quality Control ("QA/QC")

QA/QC protocols followed at the Valentine Gold Project include the insertion of blanks and standards at regular intervals in each sample batch. Drill core is cut in half with one half retained at site, the other half tagged and sent to Eastern Analytical Limited in Springdale, NL. All reported core samples are analyzed for

Au by fire assay (30g) with AA finish. All samples above 0.30 g/t Au in economically interesting intervals are further assayed using metallic screen to mitigate the presence of coarse gold. Significant mineralized intervals are reported in Table 1 as core lengths and estimated true thickness (70 - 95% of core length), and reported with and without a top-cut of 30 g/t Au applied.

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