

# Marathon Gold Reports Latest Drill Results from Berry Deposit, Valentine Gold Project

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TORONTO, April 04, 2022 - [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"). The latest drill results represent fire assay data from twenty diamond drill holes completed as part of the 2021 in-fill drill campaign at the 1.5 kilometre long Berry Deposit. Highlights include:

- VL-21-1150 intersected 7.17 g/t Au over 21 metres including 84.40 g/t Au over 1 metre and including 19.13 g/t Au over 1 metre and including 12.61 g/t Au over 1 metre, *and* 50.17 g/t Au over 1 metre;
- VL-21-1142 intersected 5.25 g/t Au over 17 metres including 32.05 g/t Au over 2 metres, *and* 0.81 g/t Au over 23 metres;
- VL-21-1155 intersected 3.10 g/t Au over 19.3 metres including 13.96 g/t Au over 3 metres, *and* 4.83 g/t Au over 8 metres including 15.29 g/t Au over 1 metre, *and* 8.27 g/t Au over 3 metres including 22.49 g/t Au over 1 metre;
- VL-21-1156 intersected 19.28 g/t Au over 3 metres including 54.07 g/t Au over 1 metre, *and* 7.99 g/t Au over 5 metres including 31.64 g/t Au over 1 metre, *and* 8.17 g/t Au over 3 metres including 17.38 g/t Au over 1 metre;
- VL-21-1159 intersected 1.42 g/t Au over 20 metres, *and* 11.75 g/t Au over 3 metres including 33.10 g/t Au over 1 metre, *and* 1.13 g/t Au over 16 metres; *and*
- VL-21-1145 intersected 2.37 g/t Au over 24 metres including 28.89 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: "With these latest 20 exploration holes from Berry we are continuing our practice of releasing drill results in whole-hole batches as they come to us from the assay lab. One more batch of 2021 holes remains outstanding, after which we will have released a total of approximately 100,000 metres of Berry drilling. These will be the data utilized in our next mineral resource update. Of note in today's batch, high grade intercepts show SW-dipping structural continuity over multiple holes below the current conceptual pit shell on Section 14120E (Figures 4 and 5). So far in 2022, 9,810 metres of exploration drilling has been completed at the Berry Deposit and 2,720 metres at the Victory Deposit. Drilling is expected to resume shortly after our annual spring shutdown during March and April."

## Gold Mineralization at the Valentine Gold Project

Gold mineralization at the Valentine Gold Project is contained in Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite-Gold ("QTP-Au") veins developed within granitoid rocks on the hanging wall, or northwest, side of the Valentine Lake Shear Zone ("VLSZ"; Figure 1). Up to four orientations of veins have been measured, with shallowly southwest dipping "Set 1" QTP-Au veins observed to be dominant in both abundance and gold content. At the Leprechaun, Marathon and Berry Deposits, Set 1 QTP-Au veins form densely stacked corridors of mineralization referred to as "Main Zones". The extent and scale of these mineralised corridors appear related to the size and frequency of sheared mafic dykes which extend northeast-southwest within the granitoid rocks, parallel to the shear zone.

Figure 1: Location Map, Valentine Gold Project

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## Berry Deposit Drill Results

The results released today are derived from twenty drill holes located between sections 13600E and 14180E. Fourteen of these drill holes are located within the western conceptual pit utilized in the April 2021

Berry Mineral Resource Estimate. Eleven holes (VL-21-1142, 1145, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1156, 1157 and 1159) were oriented steeply to the northwest testing for Main Zone-type stacked QTP-Au mineralization in "Set 1" vein orientations while three holes (VL-21-1154, 1155 and 1158) were oriented more shallowly towards the SE in order to better define the thickness of the mineralized zones and the location of the VLSZ.

Fifteen of the twenty drill holes returned "significant" drill intercepts of greater than 0.7 g/t Au (Table 1). Sixteen holes returned additional intercepts with gold grades above the 0.3 g/t Au cut-off used in the April 2021 Berry Mineral Resource estimate.

Six of the drill holes released today (VL-21-1140, 1141, 1143, 1144, 1146 and 1147) were part of a reconnaissance step-out program over an approximately 750 metre distance from the northwestern margin of the currently defined Berry Mineral Resource estimate towards the historical "Scott Showing" further to the northwest. The Scott Showing comprises an outcrop of extensive QTP veining, albeit with minimal gold content. Only one of these six holes returned an a "significant" drill intercept of greater than 0.7 g/t Au (VL-21-1146).

Figure 2: Location of Berry Deposit Exploration Drill Hole Collars VL-21-1140 to VL-21-1159  
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Figure 3: Long Section of the Berry Deposit (View NW) Incorporating all Drilling up to and Including VL-21-1159, Representing 93,570 metres, and Assays Above 0.3 g/t Au.  
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The 2021 infill drill program at the Berry Deposit has been conducted with the objective of achieving an approximate 25 metre drill spacing over Berry's Main Zone of dense mineralisation and extending drill coverage into the Berry hanging-wall to the northwest and down to a vertical depth of 300 metres. Figure 3 illustrates the extent to which this has been achieved, in long section, after approximately 93,570 metres of assay results.

Table 1: Significant Assay Intervals from Drill Hole Collars VL-21-1140 to VL-21-1159, 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-21-1142	13660E	347	-76	65	66	1	0.90	0.86	
				88	105	17	15.30	5.25	3.99
				88	90	2	1.80	32.05	21.36
				150	173	23	20.70	0.81	
				181	182	1	0.90	1.10	
				193	194	1	0.90	0.94	
				318	319	1	0.90	1.22	
VL-21-1145	13660E	349	-76	37	38	1	0.90	1.27	
				138	139	1	0.90	1.33	
				150	155	5	4.50	1.48	
				169	173	4	3.60	0.96	
				186	210	24	21.60	2.37	
				191	192	1	0.90	28.69	
				236	237	1	0.90	0.74	
Including				262	263	1	0.90	1.46	
				292	293	1	0.90	1.19	
				295	296	1	0.90	0.81	
				300	302	2	1.80	3.34	

VL-21-1146	13600E	344	-59	47	49	2	1.60	9.47	
VL-21-1148	14100E	344	-72	47	49	2	1.80	1.11	
				55	56	1	0.90	1.32	
				62	63	1	0.90	0.98	
				72	77	5	4.50	1.39	
				121	122	1	0.90	0.82	
				124	125	1	0.90	0.88	
				128	131	3	2.70	1.52	
				173	174	1	0.90	2.20	
				177	178	1	0.90	1.54	
				181	183	2	1.80	0.93	
VL-21-1149	13640E	345	-76	109	114	5	4.50	1.11	
				120	121	1	0.90	5.56	
				127	152	25	22.50	1.58	
Including				144	145	1	0.90	15.16	
				160	161	1	0.90	10.17	
				164	168	4	3.60	0.73	
				200	202	2	1.80	14.78	
Including				201	202	1	0.90	28.18	
				305	306	1	0.90	1.58	
VL-21-1150	14120E	342	-75	70	71	1	0.90	50.17	30
				87	90	3	2.70	2.17	
				109	110	1	0.90	9.55	
				122	123	1	0.90	8.42	
				130	131	1	0.90	1.45	
				143	147	4	3.60	2.56	
				162	183	21	18.90	7.17	4.58
Including				164	165	1	0.90	19.13	
				176	177	1	0.90	84.40	30
Including				182	183	1	0.90	12.61	
				187	188	1	0.90	0.86	
				192	193	1	0.90	0.96	
VL-21-1151	13640E	346	-77	149	151	2	1.80	1.66	
				155	156	1	0.90	1.53	
				160	161	1	0.90	1.00	
				178	180	2	1.80	0.95	
				203	204	1	0.90	0.93	
				212	213	1	0.90	1.04	
VL-21-1152	14160E	340	-75	62	63	1	0.90	1.70	
				101	104	3	2.70	2.86	
				127	128	1	0.90	1.18	
				147	148	1	0.90	0.71	
				178	197	19	17.10	2.62	2.37
Including				180	181	1	0.90	34.75	30
VL-21-1153	13620E	344	-78	50	51	1	0.90	1.31	
				140	144	4	3.60	3.62	
				201	203	2	1.80	1.37	
				222	224	2	1.80	1.14	
				298	299	1	0.90	3.73	
				303	306	3	2.70	0.83	
VL-21-1154	14150E	164	-70	98	99	1	0.85	3.29	
				103	104	1	0.85	23.72	

	116	126	10	8.50	3.83	
Including	123	125	2	1.70	14.26	
	156	171	15	12.75	1.35	
	197	198	1	0.85	0.82	
	200	201	1	0.85	1.65	
	206	208	2	1.70	1.05	
	217	220	3	2.55	0.76	
VL-21-1155 13550E 162 -72	3.7	23	19.3	17.37	3.10	
Including	11	14	3	2.70	13.96	
	29	37	8	7.20	4.83	
Including	33	34	1	0.90	15.29	
	74	75	1	0.90	5.48	
	78	81	3	2.70	8.27	
Including	79	80	1	0.90	22.49	
	233	234	1	0.90	0.70	
	272	273	1	0.90	3.04	
	275	276	1	0.90	9.45	
	314	315	1	0.90	28.06	
VL-21-1156 14140E 346 -74	56	57	1	0.90	0.88	
	63	64	1	0.90	3.77	
	70	74	4	3.60	1.97	
	89	94	5	4.50	0.91	
	109	110	1	0.90	1.14	
	113	114	1	0.90	0.78	
	121	126	5	4.50	7.99	7.66
Including	124	125	1	0.90	31.64	30
	136	139	3	2.70	8.17	
Including	137	138	1	0.90	17.38	
	158	159	1	0.90	5.03	
	163	165	2	1.80	4.63	
	179	182	3	2.70	19.28	11.26
Including	179	180	1	0.90	54.07	30
	192	193	1	0.90	1.15	
	213	214	1	0.90	0.80	
VL-21-1157 13620E 350 -77	82	84	2	1.80	0.73	
	124	128	4	3.60	0.92	
	145	168	23	20.70	2.17	
Including	167	168	1	0.90	21.86	
	234	235	1	0.90	9.56	
VL-21-1158 14110E 165 -70	95	96	1	0.85	3.54	
	100	101	1	0.85	2.54	
	116	117	1	0.85	3.31	
	134	138	4	3.40	1.55	
	157	158	1	0.85	0.99	
	173	174	1	0.85	8.03	
	178	179	1	0.85	2.14	
	181	182	1	0.85	2.13	
	240	241	1	0.85	1.35	
VL-21-1159 14180E 343 -73	48	52	4	3.60	1.52	
	58	60	2	1.80	0.94	
	93	95	2	1.80	0.93	
	107	108	1	0.90	0.70	

	110	111	1	0.90	1.51	
	127	147	20	18.00	1.42	
	186	189	3	2.70	11.75	10.71
Including	188	189	1	0.90	33.10	30
	194	196	2	1.80	1.97	
	206	222	16	14.40	1.13	
	232	233	1	0.90	1.06	
	238	239	1	0.90	1.12	
	259	262	3	2.70	2.16	

#### 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 results in drill holes VL-21-1140, 1141, 1143, 1144 and 1147.

Figure 4: Cross Section 14120E (View NE) with Significant (>0.7 g/t Au) Intercepts, Berry Deposit, Valentine Gold Project.

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Figure 5: Cross Section 14120E (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.

#### About Marathon

Marathon (TSX:MOZ) is a Toronto based gold company advancing its 100%-owned Valentine Gold Project located in the central region of Newfoundland and Labrador, one of the top mining jurisdictions in the world. The Project comprises a series of five mineralized deposits along a 20-kilometre system. An April 2021 Feasibility Study outlined an open pit mining and conventional milling operation over a thirteen-year mine life with a 31.5% after-tax rate of return. The Project has estimated Proven Mineral Reserves of 1.40 Moz (29.68 Mt at 1.46 g/t) and Probable Mineral Reserves of 0.65 Moz (17.38 Mt at 1.17 g/t). Total Measured Mineral Resources (inclusive of the Mineral Reserves) comprise 1.92 Moz (32.59 Mt at 1.83 g/t) with Indicated Mineral Resources (inclusive of the Mineral Reserves) of 1.22 Moz (24.07 Mt at 1.57 g/t). Additional Inferred

Mineral Resources are 1.64 Moz (29.59 Mt at 1.72 g/t Au). Please see Marathon's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2021 and other filings made with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) for further details and assumptions relating to the Valentine Gold Project.

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