



SONORO ANNOUNCES FINAL ASSAY RESULTS FROM 2020 DRILLING PROGRAM

VANCOUVER, Canada, January 19, 2021 – Sonoro Gold Corp. (TSXV: SGO | OTCQB: SMOFF | FRA: 23SP) ("Sonoro" or the "Company") is pleased to report the remaining assay results from its 2020 drilling campaign at the Cerro Caliche gold project in Sonora, Mexico. The 2021 drilling program is currently underway with approximately 50 additional RC and core holes expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter. The latest assays further support the Company's consideration of the viability for a bulk mining heap-leach development proposal with a conceptual throughput of up to 20,000 tonnes per day (tpd).

El Colorado Zone Enlarged

At the El Colorado gold mineralized zone, located in the southwestern region of the concession, four core holes were drilled to test the periphery of the zone's intensely drilled higher grade gold shoots where drill holes announced December 18, 2020 include:

- SCR-044 intercepted 12.19 m averaging 11.22 g/t Au, including 6.09 m averaging 21.58 g/t Au
- SCD-008 intercepted 11.7 m averaging 0.92 g/t Au, including 4.55 m averaging 1.84 g/t Au

Three of the four new holes successfully tested the southeastern and northwest periphery of the higher-grade shoots:

- SCD-026 intercepted 8.4 m averaging 0.718 g/t Au
- SCD-027 intercepted 7.2 m averaging 0.601 g/t Au
- SCD-028 intercepted 6.0 m averaging 0.885 g/t Au

At the southeastern periphery, SCD-027 extended the shoots lengths by approximately 50 meters whereas at the shoot's northern periphery, SCD-028 intercepted three different mineralized intervals. SCD-028 is located approximately 30 meters north of where previously announced drill hole SCD-016 also intercepted several mineralized intervals including 11.25 meters averaging 1.08 g/t Au. Furthermore, the SCD-028 intercepts appear to be the western splay of the adjacent Guadalupe or Cabeza Blanca vein systems. Another drill hole, SCD-025, tested the eastern edge of the higher-grade gold shoot and intercepted two short, mineralized intervals.

Guadalupe Zone

At the Guadalupe gold mineralized zone, located in the western region of the concession, scout drill hole SCD-029 intercepted 3.9 meters averaging 0.358 g/t Au, including 3.9 meters averaging 0.234 g/t Au. The drill hole investigates the northernmost area of the Guadalupe zone and is approximately 250 meters north of the previously announced SCR-030 which intercepted 22.86 meters averaging 0.725 g/t Au. Additional drill holes are planned to determine the potential for Guadalupe to increase the project's gold mineralization.

Cabeza Blanca Zone Continues to Grow

At the Cabeza Blanca gold mineralization zone, located directly north of the El Colorado zone, core holes SCD-030 and SCD-031 confirm the zone's extension more than 50 meters to the north:

- SCD-030 intercepted 9.3 m averaging 0.719 g/t Au
- SCD-031 intercepted 15 m averaging 0.503 g/t Au

Veta de Oro – Abejas Zone

At the southeastern end of the Veta de Oro gold mineralized zone, four core drill holes, SCD-032, SCD-033, SCD-034 and SCD-035, and two RC holes, SCR-156 and SCR-157, tested an area of vein stockwork and confirmed narrowing vein zone in the covered area between the Veta de Oro zone and the Abejas zone, located 500 meters to the south.

SCD-032 through SCD-035 were the final core drill holes of 2020 and are located directly south of drill hole SCD-015 which, as announced on December 8, 2020, intercepted 16.25 meters averaging 0.741 g/t AuEq, including 3.0 meters averaging 2.11 g/t AuEq. Management believes these drill holes establish the potential for a higher-grade zone of gold mineralization to extend to the north approximately one kilometer to El Rincon. In addition, the Company built roads and drill pads in preparation for the drilling to test the north striking zone between El Rincon and Veta de Oro. Drilling at this very high potential zone is currently under way with results expected by the end of February.

Table of Selected Core Drill Results: El Colorado, Guadalupe, and Cabeza Blanca

Cerro Caliche Project, holes composites with cutoff 0.15 Au g/t								
Hole	Target		From	To	Interval	Au	Ag	AuEq
			(meters)			g/t	g/t	g/t
SCD-025	EL COLORADO		96.15	97.00	0.85	1.100	6.90	1.199
SCD-026	EL COLORADO		8.50	10.85	2.35	1.117	3.40	1.165
		and	19.00	21.95	2.95	0.254	1.80	0.279
		and	24.95	26.45	1.50	1.221	1.20	1.238
		and	38.75	47.15	8.40	0.718	3.80	0.772
		includes	40.70	42.75	2.05	1.563	5.00	1.634
		includes	44.80	45.70	0.90	1.537	4.40	1.600
SCD-027	EL COLORADO		27.60	28.80	1.20	1.897	2.70	1.936
		and	41.00	48.20	7.20	0.601	2.20	0.633
		includes	42.15	43.95	1.80	1.512	4.60	1.578
		and	91.80	93.00	1.20	2.765	3.70	2.818
SCD-028	EL COLORADO		62.00	66.80	4.80	0.507	4.40	0.570
		and	77.10	81.50	4.40	0.626	2.90	0.667
		and	118.30	124.30	6.00	0.885	5.00	0.926
SCD-029	GUADALUPE		13.00	16.90	3.90	0.358	0.40	0.363
		and	21.50	22.50	1.00	1.206	1.50	1.227
		and	29.55	33.45	3.90	0.234	1.10	0.250
SCD-030	CABEZA BLANCA		25.75	29.10	3.35	0.348	1.00	0.362
		and	38.30	40.50	2.20	1.173	0.30	1.177
		includes	38.30	39.60	1.30	1.816	0.40	1.822
		and	43.40	52.70	9.30	0.719	3.20	0.764
		includes	44.60	46.40	1.80	1.891	5.80	1.974
SCD-031	CABEZA BLANCA		14.05	20.75	6.70	0.296	0.30	0.300
		and	46.50	49.50	3.05	0.465	0.30	0.469
		and	52.10	67.10	15.00	0.503	3.00	0.546
		and	93.45	97.55	4.10	0.701	4.20	0.761

True widths in the El Colorado holes have yet to be established, while the Guadalupe intersections are considered true widths. Cabeza Blanca drill holes true widths are considered to be about 90% of reported drill length intervals.

Table of Selected Core & RC Drill Results: Veta de Oro and Abejas

Cerro Caliche Project, holes composites with cutoff 0.15 Au g/t								
Hole	Target		From	To	Interval	Au	Ag	AuEq
			(meters)			g/t	g/t	g/t
SCD-032	VETA DE ORO		106.00	112.50	6.50	0.510	6.00	0.595
		includes	107.50	108.25	0.75	1.787	11.70	1.954
SCD-033	VETA DE ORO		66.10	79.10	13.00	0.663	3.80	0.718
		and	81.60	85.30	3.70	0.421	1.50	0.442
SCD-034	VETA DE ORO		33.60	38.50	4.90	1.221	18.50	1.488
		includes	36.50	38.50	2.00	2.352	24.40	2.701
		and	47.70	54.50	6.80	0.717	17.00	0.960
		and	63.40	66.50	3.10	0.602	0.40	0.607
SCD-035	VETA DE ORO	and	62.55	75.30	12.75	0.545	1.30	0.564
SCR-156	ABEJAS		59.44	62.48	3.04	0.398	4.30	0.459
SCR-157	ABEJAS		76.20	80.77	4.57	0.603	16.00	0.833

Veta de Oro drill intersections are considered to be near true width drill intersections to reported drill length intersection lengths.

Japanesees Zone Infill Drilling

The following assay results are the final six of 33 RC holes drilled during the 2020 drill program. A total of 70 holes have been drilled within the Japanesees zone (which now includes Boluditos and Chinos NW zones) as the Company works to define the 1,300 meter long by 400 meter wide zone's shallow oxide gold mineralization. These holes are intended to infill gaps in the drill pattern. Selected RC drill hole Intercepts from the Japanesees mineralized zone include SCR-151 with 27 meters averaging 0.694 g/t Au which is a wide addition to the zone's near surface mineralization. A high-grade vein with a width of 3.05 meters averaging 3.355 g/t Au, which was intercepted within the 27-meter interval, is interpreted to be a section of the main Japanesees vein. Intersections in the Japanesees zone appear to have true widths approximately 15 percent less than reported as drill length intersections.

Table of Selected RC Drill Results: Japanesees

Cerro Caliche Project, holes composites with cutoff 0.15 Au g/t								
Hole	Target		From	To	Interval	Au	Ag	AuEq
			(meters)			g/t	g/t	g/t
SCR-150	JAPONESES		0.00	6.10	6.10	0.319	2.30	0.353
		and	51.82	56.39	4.57	0.311	0.20	0.313
		and	64.01	67.06	3.05	0.222	0.30	0.227
SCR-151	JAPONESES		6.10	33.53	27.43	0.694	1.40	0.714
		includes	27.43	30.48	3.05	3.355	7.60	3.464
		and	48.77	51.82	3.05	0.321	0.40	0.327
SCR-152	JAPONESES		38.10	41.15	3.05	0.283	0.80	0.294
		and	47.24	50.29	3.05	0.428	1.90	0.456
SCR-153	BUENA VISTA		13.72	21.34	7.62	0.229	0.40	0.234
		and	32.00	50.29	18.29	0.372	0.70	0.382
		includes	42.67	44.20	1.53	1.609	2.40	1.643

Cerro Caliche Project, holes composites with cutoff 0.15 Au g/t								
Hole	Target		From	To	Interval	Au	Ag	AuEq
			(meters)			g/t	g/t	g/t
SCR-154	JAPONESES		54.86	62.48	7.62	0.187	0.30	0.192
		and	88.39	94.49	6.10	0.507	0.40	0.513
SCR-155	JAPONESES		0.00	3.05	3.05	0.195	1.40	0.214
		and	70.10	74.68	4.58	0.632	1.50	0.653
		includes	70.10	71.63	1.53	1.576	2.80	1.616
		and	99.06	105.16	6.10	0.462	2.10	0.491

Drill collar locations, azimuths and dips for the drill holes included in this release are provided in the table below and have been posted to the Company's website for all drill holes.

Drill Collar Locations (NAD 1927 UTM Zone 12N)							
Drill Hole	Zone	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Depth (m)	Dip	Azimuth
SCR-150	JAPONESES	536812	3365017	1370	82.30	-45	233
SCR-151	JAPONESES	536840	3365036	1355	106.68	-45	234
SCR-152	JAPONESES	536858	3365067	1347	131.06	-45	234
SCR-153	BUENA VISTA	536582	3365441	1262	97.54	-45	234
SCR-154	BUENA VISTA	536646	3365471	1260	94.49	-45	233
SCR-155	JAPONESES	536886	3365103	1345	121.92	-45	235
SCR-156	ABEJAS	537198	3365552	1393	100.58	-50	237
SCR-157	ABEJAS	537178	3365631	1407	131.06	-45	233
SCD-025	EL COLORADO	536198	3364517	1245	100.15	-62	194
SCD-026	EL COLORADO	536174	3364466	1241	89.85	-73	225
SCD-027	EL COLORADO	536171	3364449	1240	103.10	-60	188
SCD-028	EL COLORADO	536142	3364584	1304	143.40	-77	218
SCD-029	GUADALUPE	535983	3365201	1348	90.50	-45	260
SCD-030	CABEZA BLANCA	536102	3365255	1352	90.20	-45	240
SCD-031	CABEZA BLANCA	536109	3365304	1326	109.95	-45	295
SCD-032	VETA DE ORO	537095	3365742	1413	149.10	-60	235
SCD-033	VETA DE ORO	536982	3365838	1413	85.00	-65	235
SCD-034	VETA DE ORO	537026	3365754	1410	87.90	-55	235
SCD-035	VETA DE ORO	536899	3365898	1406	101.10	-70	241

Mel Herdrick, Sonoro's VP of Exploration, commented, *"The focused drill program of 2020 was very successful in further outlining additional gold mineralization, part of which contains significantly higher gold grades. We have a substantial amount of additional drilling planned to fully define the project's considerable potential. Our plan is to drill up to 50 more holes as part of this effort by the end of March of this year, which we expect will be in time to contribute further to the updated resource estimate to be prepared by Micon International."*

Kenneth MacLeod, Sonoro's President and CEO, added, *"I am very happy to report at the conclusion of the 2020 drilling program that the program's goals, as they relate to the overall development of production at Cerro Caliche, have been achieved and that the entire campaign to begin gold production at Cerro Caliche remains on track."*

John Darch, Sonoro's Chairman, stated, *"From the outset, our pledge to shareholders has been to begin producing gold at Cerro Caliche as quickly as was reasonably achievable. Our overall objective was, and continues to be, to generate free cash flow to be used to explore and define Cerro Caliche's considerably larger mineralized potential, thereby shaping the Company's future growth plans. This way we hope to minimize the need to issue additional shares and, thereby, avoid diluting our existing shareholders' interests in the Company, as we fund future exploration and development."*

Quality Assurance/Quality Control ("QA/QC") Measures and Analytical Procedures

Drill samples are collected with an airstream cyclone and passed into a splitter that divides each sample into quarters. The quartered samples are then bagged and sealed with identification. The sample group has blanks, standards and duplicates inserted into the sample stream.

Bureau Veritas (BV) collects the samples and transports them directly to the preparation laboratory in Hermosillo, Sonora. At the laboratory, part of each sample is reduced through crushing, splitting and pulverization. About 200 grams are sent by BV to their Vancouver, Canada laboratory and dissolved in aqua regia for multi-element ICP analysis, including silver. Of these samples, 30 grams undergo fire assay in Hermosillo for gold by reducing the fire assay to a concentrated button of material that is dissolved in acids and the gold content determined by atomic absorption.

No QA/QC issues were noted with the results received from the laboratory.

Geologic Description

Cerro Caliche is located 45 kilometers east southeast of Magdalena de Kino in the Cucurpe-Sonora Mega-district of Sonora, Mexico. Multiple historic underground mines were developed in the concession including Cabeza Blanca, Los Cuervos, Japoneses, Las Abejas, Boluditos, El Colorado, Veta de Oro and Espanola. Mineralization types of the Cucurpe-Sonora Mega-district include variants of epithermal low sulfidation veins and related mineralized dikes and associated volcanic domes. Local altered felsic dikes cut the mineralized meta-sedimentary rock units and may be associated with mineralization both in the dikes and meta-sedimentary rocks.

Host rocks include Jurassic-Cretaceous meta-sedimentary rock units including argillite, shale, quartzite, limestone, quartz pebble conglomerate and andesite. Younger intrusive rock consisting of medium coarse-grained granodiorite-granite is present in the westerly parts of the concessions near the historic Cabeza Blanca Mine. It is apparent that veining cuts and pervasively alters the intrusive stock. Rhyolite occurs in irregular bodies distributed in higher elevations in the northerly part of the concession, including the Rincon area, where it occurs as flows, sills, dikes and rhyolite domes. Part of the rhyolite is mineralized and appears to be related to epithermal gold mineralization throughout the property.

Qualified Person Statement

Stephen Kenwood, P.Geo., a Director of Sonoro, is a Qualified Person within the context of National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101) and has read and approved this news release. Readers are cautioned that the presence of mineralization on historic mines adjacent to or on Cerro Caliche is not necessarily indicative of gold mineralization in the concessions held by the Company.

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Sonoro Gold Corp. is a publicly listed exploration and development company with a portfolio of exploration-stage precious metal properties in Sonora State, Mexico. The Company has highly experienced operational and management teams with proven track records for the discovery and development of natural resource deposits.

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