

Spanish Mountain Gold Drilling Intersects 133.57 Metres Grading 1.35 g/t Gold With a Higher-Grade Subset of 25.47 Metres of 4.28 g/t Gold

VANCOUVER, British Columbia--(BUSINESS WIRE)--January 26, 2026--Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. (the "Company" or "Spanish Mountain Gold") (TSX-V: SPA) (FSE: S3Y) (OTCQB: SPAUF) is pleased to report additional assay results from seven exploration drill holes within the Orca Fault target trend that were completed as part of its 2025 Fall Diamond Drill program ("2025 Fall Drill Program") for the Spanish Mountain Gold ("SMG") project, which is located in the Cariboo Gold Corridor, British Columbia, Canada.

The company has completed approximately 9,864 metres ("m") of drilling to date of the 9,000 to 10,000 m of exploration drilling planned under the 2025 Fall Drill Program, now continuing into 2026. Assays and geochemistry are pending receipt from the laboratory and/or reporting from five additional drill holes completed within the Orca Fault target area.

Highlights:

- 25-DH-1322 intersected three separate intervals within 133.57 metres grading 1.35 g/t gold including:
 - **32.37 m** of **0.87 g/t** gold from 75.43 m including **15.31 m** of **1.52 g/t** gold;
 - **25.47 m** of **4.28 g/t** gold from 132.40 m including **14.98 m** of **6.42 g/t** gold; and
 - **29.07 m** of **1.41 g/t** gold from 187.47 m including **12.63 m** of **2.65 g/t** gold.
- 25-DH-1321 intersected two separate intervals in the drill hole:
 - **101.05 m** of **0.58 g/t** gold from 30.00 m including **36.30 m** of **0.81 g/t** gold with a high-grade subset of **6.35 m** of **2.58 g/t** gold; and
 - **23.00 m** of **0.67 g/t** gold from 265.50 m including **4.50 m** of **1.98 g/t** gold.
- 25-DH-1318 intersected two separate intervals in the top 185.00 m of the drill hole:
 - **40.20 m** of **0.90 g/t** gold from 180.00 m is the second interval that includes **20.72 m** of **1.52 g/t** gold with a high-grade subset of **5.00 m** of **5.65 g/t** gold (see January 6, 2026 news release for the upper interval).

Key Findings:

- Current exploration drilling assay results continues to intersect significant higher-grade mineralization over 530 m in strike length in the Orca Fault target area (Figure 1 and Figure 4) and the continuity can now be traced across multiple parallel, adjacent drill sections over 80 to 150 m.

Main Deposit – Orca Fault area

Seven additional drill holes were collared and successfully completed (see Figure 3) in the Orca Fault target area, 25-DH-1318 (Figure 3 and Table 1), 25-DH-1319 (Figure 1 and Table 2), 25-DH-1320 (Table 3), 25-DH-1321 (Figure 1 and Table 4), 25-DH-1322 (Figure 2 and Table 5), 25-DH-1323 (Figure 1, Figure 2, and Table 6), and 25-DH-1324 (Figure 1 and Table 7). These drill holes continue to confirm and lend confidence to the extent of the Orca Fault target over 530 m strike length, northwest to southeast, and its geological and structural interpretation within the constraining open pit for the MRE (see July 3, 2025 news release).

Drill hole 25-DH-1322 (Figure 1) is yet another example of an exploration drill hole from the 2025 Fall Drill Program having intersected a very wide zone of high-grade gold mineralization. This drill hole intersected 1.35 g/t gold over 133.57 metres to a downhole depth of 209.00 m that included three significant subintervals (see Table 5). It should be noted that 25-DH-1322 has also provided one of the widest overall intercepts of higher-grade gold mineralization for the project, meaning additional follow-up exploration drilling is required to further define the higher-grade gold mineralization in the Orca Fault target area. Drill hole 25-DH-1322 continues to highlight the growing extent of higher-grade gold mineralization in the near surface, open pit environment, as defined in the recent MRE (see July 3, 2025 news release).

The analytical results from the lower portion of drill hole 25-DH-1318 (see Figure 3 and Table 1) reveal significant, deeper, high-grade mineralization in addition to the near surface analytical results published in the January 6, 2026 news release. These deeper analytical results also correlate to the deeper gold mineralization in drill hole 25-DH-1316 (see Figure 3), adding more information about the prospectivity of the mineral potential of the lithological units at depth.

Drill hole 25-DH-1320 ended prematurely in a fault zone; however, the drill casing was left to revisit later in the program to continue assessing the favourability to the southeast of the Orca Fault target strike length.

All results to date continue to reinforce that tighter exploration drill spacing is unlocking additional mineral potential in the Main deposit. These exploration drill holes are presented on drill sections (Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3) that show the alignment of the higher-grade mineralization to the new Orca Fault target. The location of these drill holes is show on a plan map at the end of the news release (Figure 4).

Table 1: Assay Results for 25-DH-1318

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1318	48.38	109.50	61.12 ⁽⁴⁾	0.50	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	48.38	89.42	41.04 ⁽⁴⁾	0.66	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	48.38	77.00	28.62 ⁽⁴⁾	0.78	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	60.00	74.00	14.00 ⁽⁴⁾	1.08	<i>Note 3)</i>
	149.74	153.56	3.82	1.17	<i>Note 3)</i>
	180.00	220.20	40.20	0.90	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	180.00	200.72	20.72	1.52	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	180.00	185.00	5.00	5.65	<i>Note 3)</i>

Table 2: Assay Results for 25-DH-1319

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1319	10.00	11.20	1.20	1.21	<i>Note 3)</i>
	24.00	139.20	115.20	0.46	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	24.00	113.50	89.50	0.53	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	38.00	89.00	51.00	0.70	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	38.00	50.45	12.45	1.31	<i>Note 3)</i>

Table 3: Assay Results for 25-DH-1320 (drill hole ended prematurely at 57 m downhole in a fault zone)

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1320	30.00	45.00	15.00	0.43	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	40.00	45.00	5.00	0.83	<i>Note 3)</i>

Table 4: Assay Results for 25-DH-1321

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1321	30.00	131.05	101.05	0.58	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	38.00	121.50	83.50	0.66	<i>Note 3)</i>

Including	66.00	102.30	36.30	0.81	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	66.00	72.35	6.35	2.58	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	119.00	121.50	2.50	2.10	<i>Note 3)</i>
	195.65	200.50	4.85	0.72	<i>Note 3)</i>
	220.20	221.35	1.15	5.01	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	265.50	288.50	23.00	0.67	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	281.00	285.50	4.50	1.98	<i>Note 3)</i>

Table 5: Assay Results for 25-DH-1322

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1322	75.43	209.00	133.57	1.35	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	75.43	107.80	32.37	0.87	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	75.43	98.87	23.44	1.14	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	81.00	96.31	15.31	1.52	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	87.84	94.00	6.16	2.74	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	87.84	91.70	3.86	3.68	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	132.40	157.87	25.47	4.28	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	132.40	152.57	20.17	5.35	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	137.59	152.57	14.98	6.42	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	179.93	209.00	29.07	1.41	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	181.47	206.00	24.53	1.63	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	181.47	194.10	12.63	2.65	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	181.47	186.50	6.61	3.95	<i>Note 3)</i>

Table 6: Assay Results for 25-DH-1323

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1323	71.00	181.70	110.70	0.37	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	71.80	79.50	7.70	0.93	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	149.00	170.30	21.30	0.60	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	166.80	170.30	3.50	1.70	<i>Note 3)</i>
	295.00	336.00	41.00	0.55	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	323.35	333.00	9.65	1.44	<i>Note 3)</i>

Table 7: Assay Results for 25-DH-1324

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
25-DH-1324	16.00	17.15	1.15	13.47	<i>Note 3)</i>
	50.45	58.30	7.85	0.53	<i>Note 3)</i>
	69.00	126.00	57.00	0.54	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	71.18	89.19	18.01	1.10	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	78.00	89.19	11.19	1.16	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	122.00	125.08	3.08	1.42	<i>Note 3)</i>

Notes for Table 1 to Table 7:

- 1) Reported intersections are calculated using a 0.15 g/t Au cut-off grade.
- 2) The complete assay table is available on the Company's website
- 3) True thickness of mineralization is unknown as the project is still at the exploration stage
- 4) Assay composites previously released January 6, 2026 from partial return of drill hole 25-DH-1318 from laboratory

The integration of assay results from these seven exploration drill holes strengthens the overall continuity for the new Orca Fault target and the association of higher-grade mineralization over a strike length of 530 m, northwest to southeast (see Figure 1). Stronger continuity is also now being developed spanning multiple, parallel, adjacent drill sections ranging in strike length from 80 to 150 m, northeast to southwest, depending on the location along the 530 m strike length (see Figure 3).

Figure 4 illustrates the locations for seven drill hole results outlined in this news release and the drill holes currently in the assay lab, or in process of being drilled. Drill collar location coordinates are summarized for the 2025 Fall Drill Program in Table 8 at the end of this news release.

Drill Core Processing, Data Verification and Quality Assurance – Quality Control Program (QAQC)

Once received from the drill and processed, all drill core samples were sawn in half, labeled, and bagged. The remaining half of the drill core was securely stored on-site. Numbered security tags were applied to sample shipments to ensure chain of custody compliance. The Company inserts quality control (QC) samples at regular intervals, including blanks and reference materials, for all sample shipments to monitor laboratory performance.

Standards and blanks account for a minimum of 20% of the samples in addition to the laboratory's internal quality assurance programs. The QAQC program was overseen by the Company's Qualified Person, Julian Manco, P.Geol, Director of Exploration (as described below).

The data verification process involved a multi-step approach to ensure accuracy and integrity. This included a detailed quality control (QC) analysis of the data, which was performed using both internal and external platforms, such as the MxDeposit™ software. These QC checks involved the analysis of certified reference materials (CRMs), blanks, and duplicates to confirm the reliability of the assay results. In addition, a field inspection of the specific drill intervals mentioned in this release has been conducted to directly observe the geological features and verified the nature of the results presented.

Drill core samples were submitted to MSALABS's analytical facility in Prince George, British Columbia, for sample preparation and PhotonAssay™ analysis. The MSALABS facilities are accredited to the International Standards ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 9001 standard for gold and multi-element assays, with all analytical methods incorporating quality control materials at defined frequencies and established data acceptance criteria. MSALABS Inc. is independent of the Company.

PhotonAssay™

The PhotonAssay™ method utilizes gamma ray analysis for gold detection using the Chrysos PhotonAssay™ instrument (PA1408X). This non-destructive, fully automated technique offers high accuracy for analyzing ores and pulps. Sample preparation begins with drying and crushing up to 1 kg of material to achieve at least 70% passing through a 2-millimetre (mm) sieve. The sample is then riffle split to obtain a suitable aliquot for 2 testing cycles (MSALABS Method CPA-Au1).

The PhotonAssay™ instrument bombards 400- to 600-gram samples contained in sealed containers with gamma rays. These containers remain sealed throughout the process, preserving the sample for potential further testing. The analysis is performed robotically, with results that integrate into existing laboratory management systems. Each sample is accompanied by a reference disc traceable to a Certified Reference Material (CRM). Both the sample and reference disc undergo gamma ray exposure, with signals detected and analyzed to ensure accurate and reliable results. The method offers a gold detection range from 0.015 parts per million (ppm - lower limit) to

10,000 ppm (upper limit). Quality control includes the use of reference materials and blanks, with all results reviewed by a competent person before reporting.

Spanish Mountain Gold implemented two QAQC methodologies to validate the accuracy of PhotonAssay™ results, both demonstrating good comparability: 1) comparative analysis of diverse mineralization styles using Total Au screen metallic methods with both FAS-415 (gravimetric finish) and FAS-211 (AAS finish), and 2) comprehensive testing of both sample aliquots and rejects using FAS-211 (AAS finish). QAQC Testing typically can include the following spot checks: 1) Pulverizing tests to evaluate variability in sample preparation, 2) Cross-analysis at external laboratories using screen metallic method, and 3) Four-cycle radiation testing to identify and calibrate potential variability in gold results with variable radiation intensity.

Multi-Elemental Analysis

For the 2025 drilling campaign Spanish Mountain Gold used IMS-230 method to provide multi-element determination using a four-acid digestion followed by ICP-OES and ICP-MS analysis.

Key Process Steps:

Sample Preparation: Samples are dried and ground to a specific criterion (85% passing 75 microns (µm) for rocks and drill core; 180µm for soils and sediments). A homogeneous 10-gram sample is required. **Digestion:** Samples undergo sequential digestion with nitric, perchloric, hydrofluoric, and hydrochloric acids, followed by dilution with deionized water.

Analysis: The solution is analyzed via ICP-OES and ICP-MS for multi-element quantification.

Quality Control: The process includes reference materials, blanks, and duplicates, with corrections for spectral interferences and thorough review before final reporting.

Qualified Person

Julian Manco, M.Sc., P.Geo., Director of Exploration with Spanish Mountain Gold, is the Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101 who has reviewed the technical information in this news release and has approved the content for dissemination.

Abbreviations: metres = m, grams per tonne = g/t, gold = Au, mineral resource estimate = MRE, Spanish Mountain Gold = SMG

About Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. is focused on advancing its 100%-owned Spanish Mountain Gold Project (Project) towards its goal to build the next gold mine in the Cariboo Gold Corridor, British Columbia. On August 18, 2025, the Company filed an NI 43-101 Technical Report on SEDAR+ that sets out the Project's de-risked and optimized Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), with an updated Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE). We will continue to advance the Project to position the Company to make a construction decision in 2027. We are striving to be a leader in community and Indigenous relations by leveraging technology and innovation to build the 'greenest' gold mine in Canada. The Relentless Pursuit for Better Gold means seeking new ways to achieve optimal financial outcomes that are safer, minimize environmental impact and create meaningful sustainability for communities. Details on the Company are available on www.sedarplus.ca and on the Company's website: www.spanishmountaingold.com.

On Behalf of the Board,

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Table 8: Drill Collar Information for Drill Holes

Hole ID	EAST	NORTH	ELEV	AZIMUTH	DIP	DEPTH	COMMENT
25-DH-1331A	604595	5827901	1103	120	-60	N/A	In Progress (re-collar)
25-DH-1331	604594	5827899	1103	120	-60	55	Ended early due stuck drill rods
25-DH-1330	604332	5827990	1105	120	-60	N/A	In Progress
25-DH-1329	604467	5827962	1090	120	-60	255	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1328	604278	5828018	1105	120	-58	402	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1327	604411	5828026	1088	120	-60	327	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1326	604327	5827963	1108	120	-60	351	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1325	604385	5827966	1103	120	-60	309	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1324	604343	5828053	1080	120	-60	276	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1323	604286	5828046	1097	120	-60	338	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1322	604279	5827995	1106	120	-60	231	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1321	604350	5828016	1099	120	-60	348	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1320	604561	5827809	1126	120	-60	57	Ended early due to major fault zone
25-DH-1319	604404	5827992	1095	120	-70	198	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1318	604445	5828098	1055	120	-60	243	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1317	604186	5828166	1076	120	-60	282	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1316	604514	5828073	1050	120	-60	177	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1315	604231	5828163	1075	120	-60	282	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1314	604160	5828218	1056	120	-70	270	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1313	604566	5827908	1100	120	-60	204	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1312	604538	5827921	1095	120	-60	205	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1311	604590	5827935	1084	120	-60	330	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1310	604592	5827961	1091	120	-60	211	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1309	604592	5827958	1071	120	-60	237	Successfully completed per design

25-DH-1308	603280	5829250	966	120	-60	150	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1307	604565	5827974	1068	120	-60	200	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1306	603451	5829400	927	120	-60	123	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1305	603657	5829226	919	120	-60	126	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1304	604536	5827986	1067	120	-60	225	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1303	603960	5828754	943	100	-55	156	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1302	604194	5828180	1066	120	-63	282	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1301	603708	5829029	929	150	-55	188	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1300	604388	5828063	1085	120	-60	274	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1299	604369	5828043	1093	120	-60	336	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1298	604402	5828088	1074	120	-59	334	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1297	604354	5828069	1084	120	-59	342	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1296	604484	5828054	1061	120	-50	180	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1295	604484	5828054	1061	120	-60	33	Ended early due to drill trace spacing
25-DH-1294	604345	5828120	1075	120	-58	351	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1293	604284	5828149	1076	120	-60	453	Successfully completed per design
25-DH-1292	604223	5828189	1068	120	-62	270	Successfully completed per design

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