

Desert Gold Targets Three Mineralized Zones On Its Farabantourou Prospect for 2017 Exploration Program

Delta, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - June 7, 2017) - **Desert Gold Ventures Inc.** (TSXV: DAU) (FSE: QXR2) (OTC Pink: DAUGF) ("Desert Gold" or "the Company") is please to provide the following update regarding its planned exploration program at its Farabantourou prospect in Western Mali.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two historically defined mineralization zones, Barani and Keniegoulou, will be retested and incorporated into the company's broader understanding of Farabantourou's geology.
- The third prospect, Barani East, contains a resource of 69,900 oz Au (cut-off grade, 0.5 g/t Au). This mineralization occurs in an eastward steeply dipping (55° to 60°), tabular body, ranging in width of 4.5m to 15m with a NNE strike. The average grades vary between 2.22 to 2.29 g/t Au with tonnage of 652,080 and 317,021 for the indicated and inferred categories, respectively.
- Approximately 5,000m of drilling to begin in June of this year on these three targets and completed by year-end.

The Farabantourou exploration permit lies approximately 40 km south and 50 km north of the world-class gold mines of Sadiola and Loulo (Fig.1), respectively. These mines are situated on second order splays off the regional North-South trending Senegal-Mali Fault Zone ("SMFZ"), which the Farabantourou tenement straddles. The present geological interpretation within Farabantourou is that there is a hydrothermal alteration at a contact between two dominant lithologies, namely, sedimentary siliciclastic lithologies to the west and volcano-sedimentary units to the east; the contact is thought to form part of the SMFZ, trending NNW.

Below is the meterage apportioned to each prospect for this year's exploration program:

		DD (m)	RC (m)
PROSPECT	Barani-East	430	1000
	Barani	490	1000
	Kéniégoulou	500	1000
	twinning	600	-

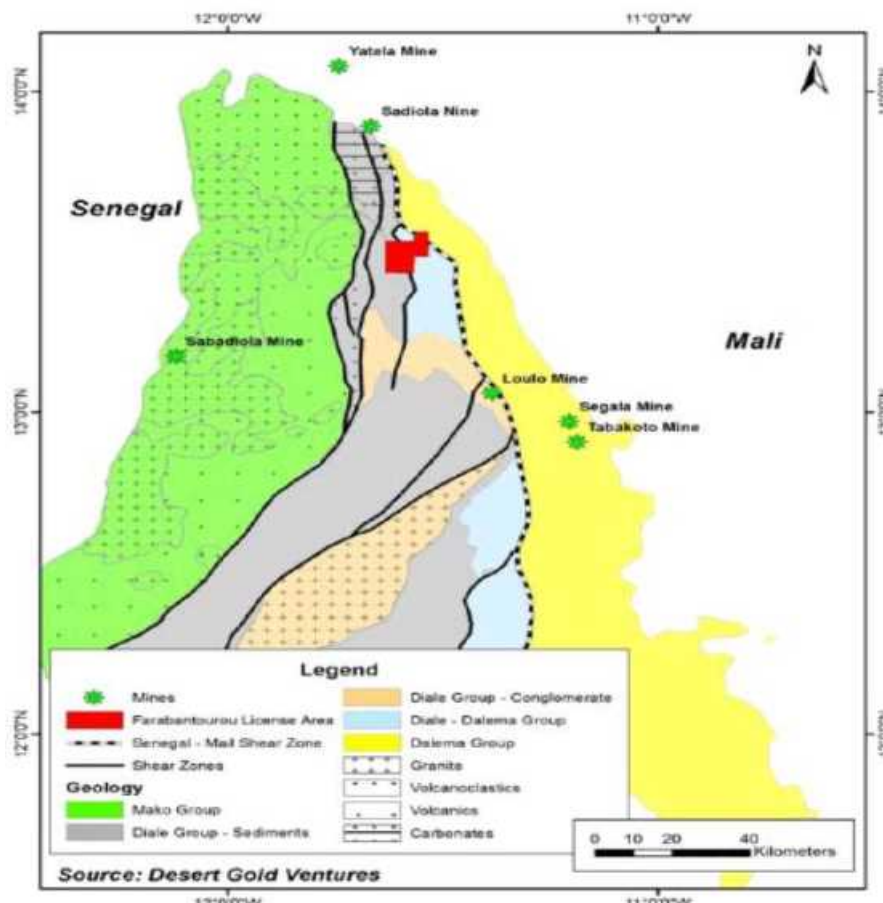


Figure 1. Regional locality plan showing the Farabantourou permit in relation to other mines, Western Mali.

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Drilling will be conducted in two phases. Approximately 2,000 meters of diamond core drilling is planned for the first phase, starting June 2017, to be completed before the start of the wet season. The second phase of drilling will comprise approximately 3000 meters using a RC rig, which will resume at the start of the dry season, early November 2017. Table 1 summarizes the approximate drilling apportioned to the three prospects. The focus of the drilling is on the three significantly mineralized zones (prospects) in the northeastern part of the property (Fig. 2), namely Barani, Barani East and Keniegoulou.

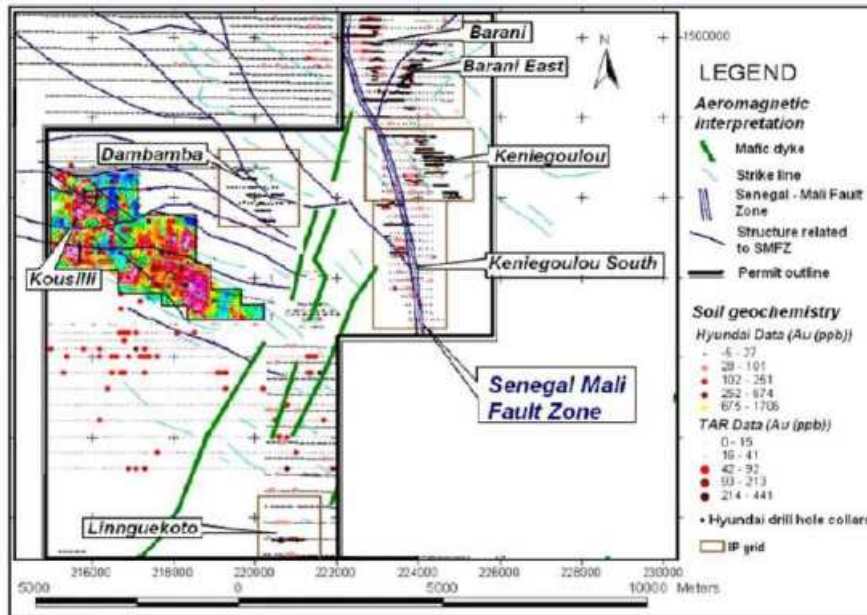


Figure 2. Past exploration summary plan including the location of the various prospects within the Farabantourou permit.

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At the Barani East prospect, a resource of 69.9 koz gold (cut-off grade, 0.5 g/t Au) was estimated by Minxcon Consulting (cf. Table 2 and Fig. 3). This mineralization occurs in an eastward steeply dipping (55° to 60°), tabular body ranging in width of 4.5m to 15m with a NNE strike. The average grades vary between 2.22 to 2.29 g/t Au for the indicated and inferred categories, respectively.

Mineralised Zone	Mineral Resource Category	Tonnage	Average Au Grade	Au Content	Au Ounces
		t	g/t	Kg	Koz
Main	Indicated Mineral Resources	541,822	2.23	1,208	38.9
HW		81,487	2.18	134	4.3
FW1		39,178	2.54	100	3.2
FW2		9,815	0.80	8	0.2
Total Indicated Mineral Resources		652,080	2.22	1,450	46.6
Main	Inferred Mineral Resources	280,007	2.23	625	20.1
HW		5,887	2.33	14	0.4
FW1		29,841	2.87	85	2.7
FW2		1,498	0.57	1	0.0
Total Inferred Mineral Resources		317,021	2.29	724	23.3

- Notes:
1. The Inferred Mineral Resources have a large degree of uncertainty as to their existence and whether they can be mined economically. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of the Inferred Resource will be upgraded to a higher confidence category.
 2. Gold content conversion: 1 kg = 32.15076 oz.
 3. Columns may not add up due to rounding.
 4. Cut-off: 0.5 g/t.
 5. RD: 1.8 t/m³ from 0 m - 78 m below surface.
 6. RD: 1.7 t/m³ from 78 m - 190 m below surface.
 7. All figures are in metric tonnes.

Table 2. Barani East mineral resource statement made by Minxcon Consulting, November 2015. This resource statement was made in compliance with the specifications set out by the Canadian Code for reporting of resources and reserves as prescribed in the National Instrument 43-101.

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At the other two prospects, Barani and Keniegoulou, significant gold intersections were made in previous RC drill programs (cf. Figs 4 & 5). The company will use the diamond drill rig at both prospects to twin some of the previous RC drill holes in addition to exploratory core drilling to better evaluate the geology and the controls to the mineralized zones intersected. Twin holes will be drilled to a greater depth than the originals given our hypothesis that gold mineralization continues at depth.

At Barani East mineralization remains open ended at depth and possibly on strike, to the north and south. The deepest intersect of mineralization at Barani-East was made at a depth of 120m, whilst the deepest end-of-hole reached 190m terminating within

oxidized material, suggesting the oxidation zone may extend beyond 200m. The drilling program for Barani-East will probe those extensions to the mineralization down dip at depth and along the strike both to the north and to the south.

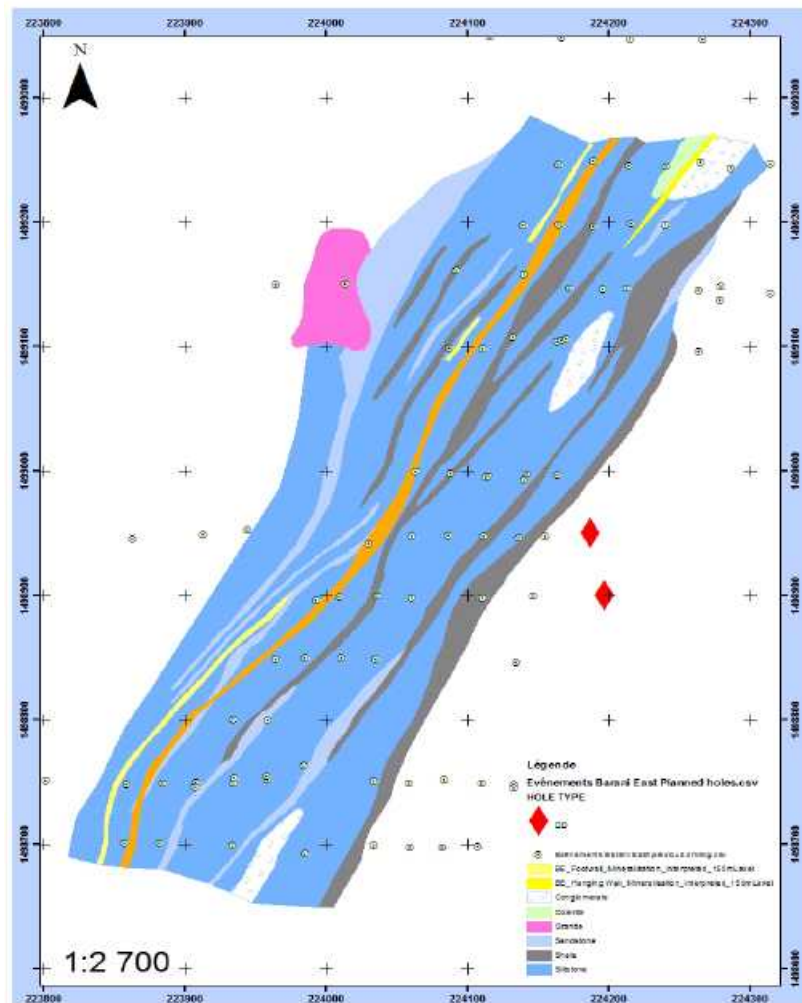


Figure 3. The Locality plan of past and the planned diamond boreholes at the Barani East prospect.

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The Barani prospect shows a North-South mineralized envelope, approximately 1600 meters in strike length, delineated from RC drill intersects. The mineralized zone appears to be a sub-vertical tabular body with pinch and swell characteristics, varying in thickness between 7m and 5m, on average 6m. The initial drill program will focus on evaluating the geology, particularly recognizing the controls to the mineralization. The follow up infill RC drilling will be used to improve data density towards the estimation of resources planned for Q1 2018. The planned DD holes are marked by red diamonds below.

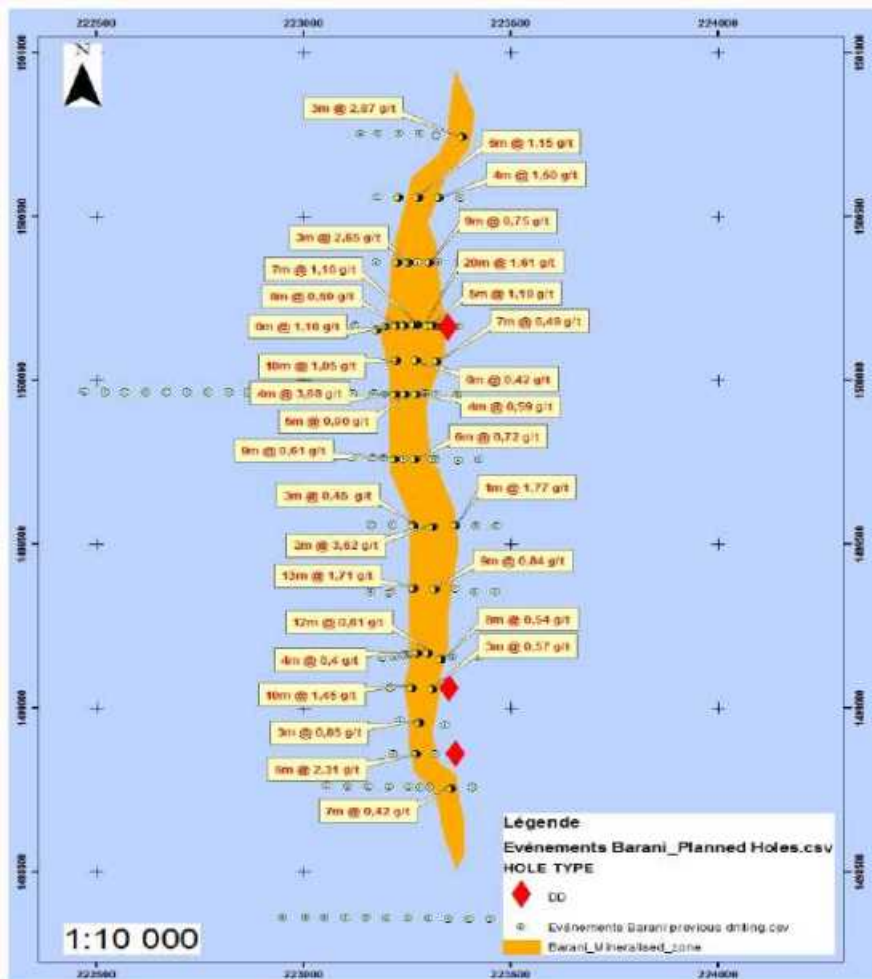
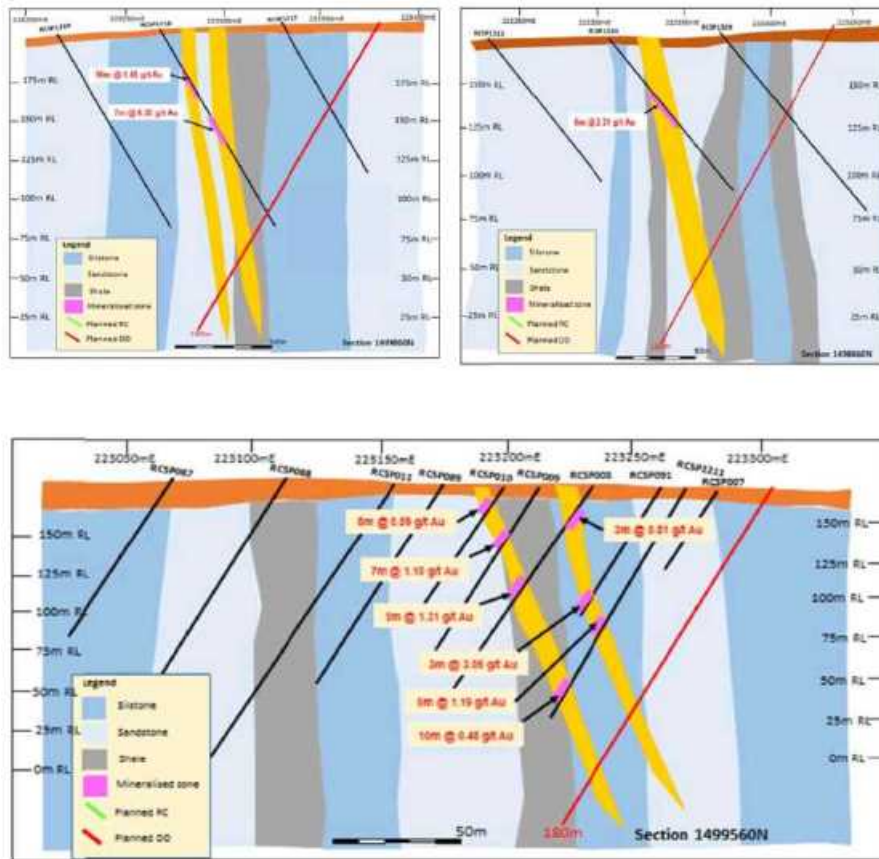


Figure 4. Locality plan of the Barani prospect showing past RC drill positions, the envelope of mineralization and the future diamond drill program excluding the holes to be twinned.

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Cross sections views of Barani historical RC holes and planned diamond core holes (Marked in red):



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At Keniegoulou (Fig. 5) the mineralization delineated from the past RC drill intersects show two sub-parallel zones at 400 meters and 350 meters in strike lengths, oriented in a NNW direction. The Keniegoulou mineralization is seemingly in sub-vertical tabular bodies, varying in thickness from 10m to 5m, on average 5m. Core drilling will focus on providing further insight on the geology and the controls to the mineralization. The follow up RC drilling will contribute to an improvement in data density, needed to estimate the resources, planned for Q1 2018.

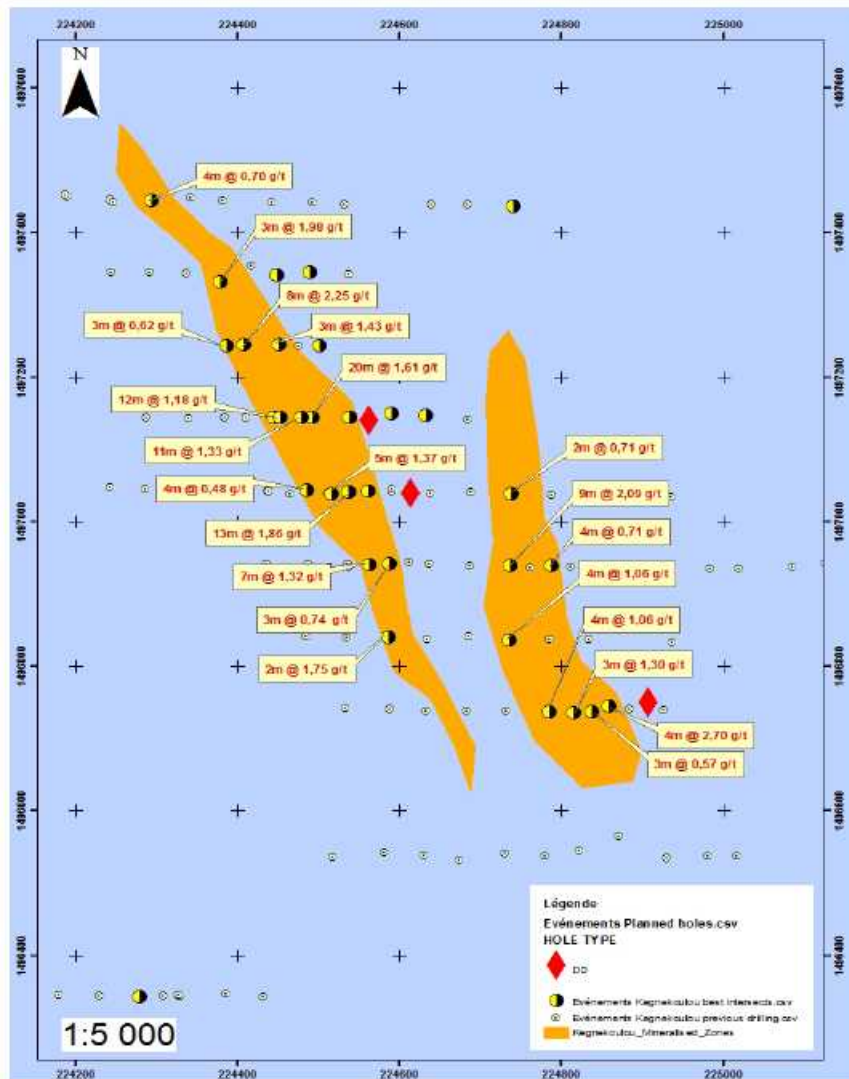


Figure 5. Locality plan of the Keniegoulou prospect showing the envelope of mineralization from past RC drill intersects and the planned diamond drill program, excluding the holes to be twinned.

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Desert Gold's President Jared Scharf commented, "We are very excited to begin this program. Farabantourou is a great prospect hosting several mineralized areas that we are undertaking to expand and get a better understanding of structurally speaking. The three mineralized zones being explored this year are orogenic, and considering their relative proximity we believe it is worth testing the thesis that they are part of a larger continuous system. We've just scratched the surface here. The deepest intersect is only at 120m at Barani East for example. Structural measurements are key to gaining a better understanding of these ore bodies. The most effective way of doing this is through diamond core drilling. The commencement and completion of this program are major steps forward towards our ultimate goal of profitable commercial mining."

This note was reviewed by Dr. Luc Antoine who is a director of the Company and is registered as a Member of the Geological Society of South Africa (MGSSA 967397). He has the necessary experience relevant to the style of mineralization and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person as defined in the National Instrument 43-101.

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