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Viva Gold Reports Very Successful Drill Program at its Tonopah Gold Project, Nevada

Including 52 Meters at 2.0 g/t Au From 23 Meters Depth, Including 14 Meters at 4.7 g/t

VANCOUVER, BC – February 4, 2025 – Viva Gold Corp (TSXV: **VAU**; OTCQB: **VAUCF**) (the “Company” or “Viva”) is pleased to announce final drill results on its 14-hole, 2,105-meter fall 2024 reverse circulation drill program. The 100%-owned Tonopah Gold Project is located on the prolific Walker Lane Mineral Trend in western Nevada, about 30 minutes’ drive south from Kinross Gold’s Round Mountain Project. Round Mountain has produced over 15 million ounces of gold.

“This program was highly successful in meeting its planned goals. We encountered shallow, high-grade mineralization in step-out drilling in four holes to expand the eastern resource area to the southeast, while another hole successfully extended mineralization to the north. One hole intercepted a thick package of mineralization in a large gap in drilling in the north central resource area. In addition to the successful infill and step-out drilling component of this program, an exploration discovery was made in a hole drilled six hundred meters south of the discovery zone, which intercepted above cutoff grade gold mineralization associated with a major fault structure in a previously undrilled portion of the property. This discovery requires additional follow-up drilling and may reflect additional resource potential along the entire 600-meter strike length between the discovery zone and this new discovery,” stated **James Hesketh, President & CEO**.

“Work is underway to develop a new NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate to include these new results, as well as the results from the previous two years of drilling. Sixty-four drill holes will be incorporated into our new resource and economic models. Our goals for 2025 include completing an updated Preliminary Economic Assessment and using that study to provide the scope for a Pre-Feasibility Study in the second half of 2025. Based on positive economic results, Viva would utilize this Pre-Feasibility study in combination with its advanced environmental baseline study work to initiate the development permitting process for the project.”

Program Highlights

Holes TG2420 to TG2423 were all drilled as 30 to 40-meter step-outs from known gold resource areas around the southern extent of the east main resource area.

- **TG2422** intercepted three horizons totaling **51.8 meters** starting at a shallow depth of **23 meters depth** averaging 2.0 grams per tonne (“gpt”) gold (“Au”), including **13.4 meters at 4.5 gpt Au** and **1.5 meters at 16 gpt Au**.
- **TG2423** intercepted three zones totaling **19.8 meters** starting at **34 meters depth** at an average grade of **0.65 gpt Au**.
- **TG2421** intercepted **7.6 meters** starting at **41 meters depth** averaging **3.7 gpt Au** and
- **TG2420** hit **10.7 meters at 0.70 gpt Au**.

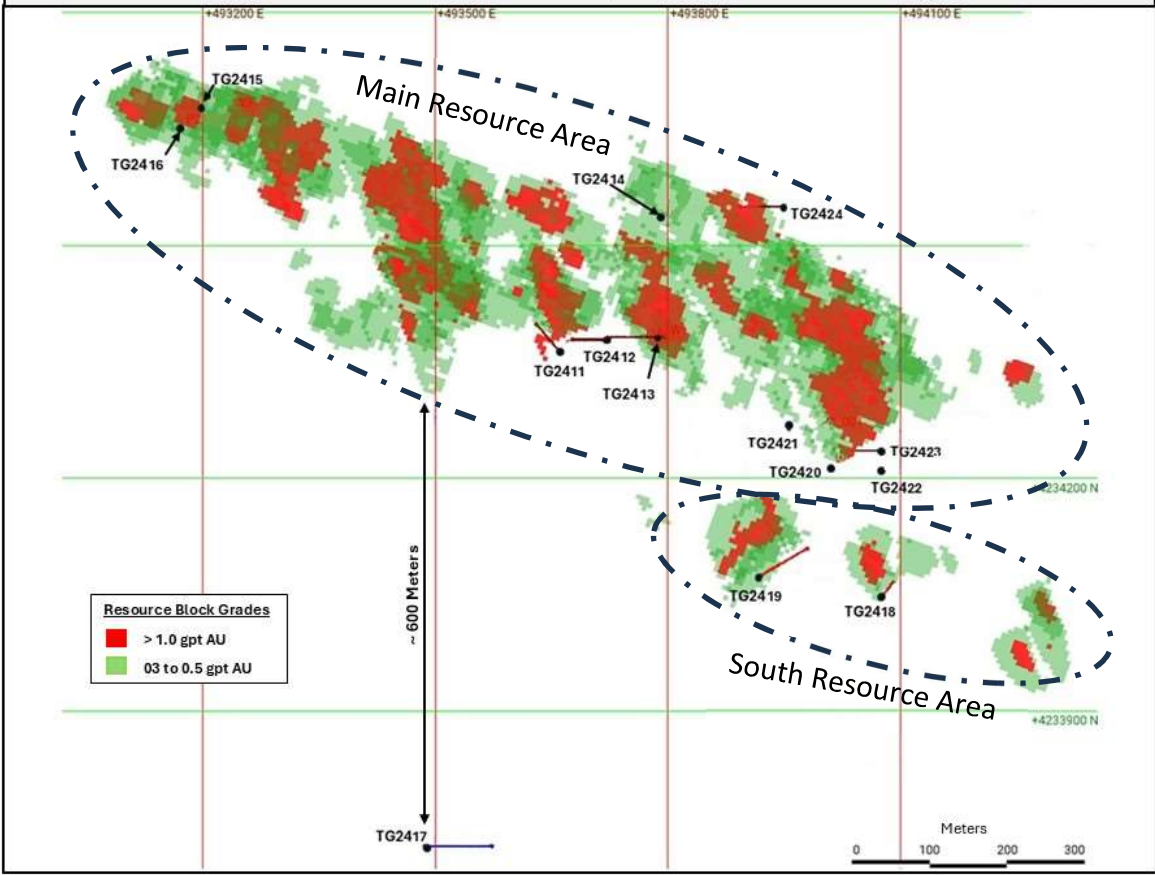
- **TG2424** was drilled at the northern extent of the east main resource area and intercepted **30.5 meters at 0.9 gpt Au** starting at 128 meters depth including two zones each of **4.6 meters at 2.2 gpt Au and 2.6 gpt Au** respectively.
- **TG2415** was drilled in the west main resource area to test the deepest area of known mineralization at Tonopah and was able to confirm 44.2 meters averaging 0.63 grams per tonne (“gpt”) gold (“Au”) located in four zones including **1.5 meters at 12.7 gpt Au, 4.6 meters at 2.6 gpt Au, and 3.0 meters at 4.2 gpt Au**. This hole successfully confirmed mineralization in a large pocket of inferred material to the lowest elevation in the 2022 PEA¹ resource pit shell.
- **TG2414**, drilled to infill a large gap in the central northeast section of the main resource area, intercepted a thick package of mineralization totaling over **41 meters** at an average grade of **0.6 gpt Au**.

Exploration

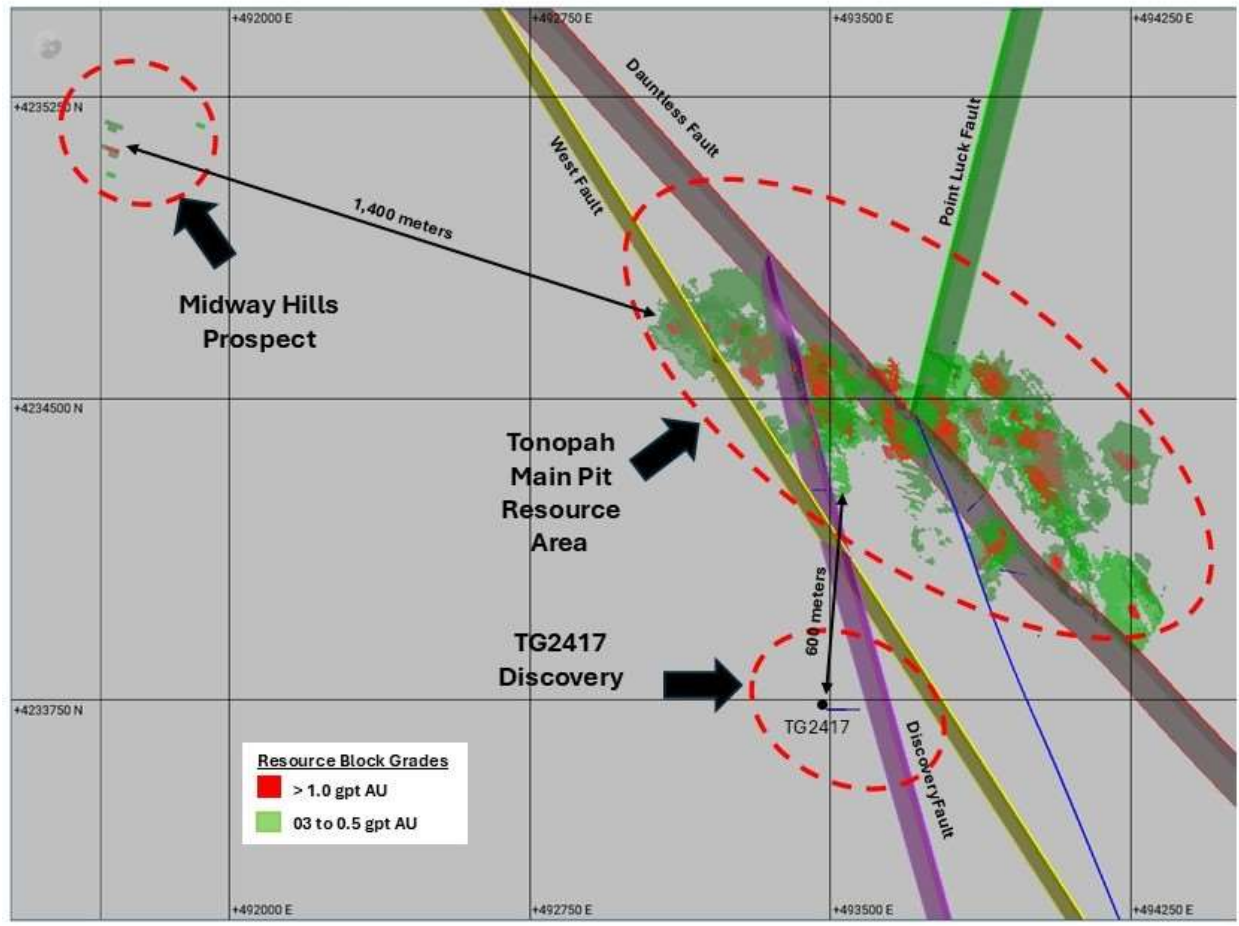
TG2417 was drilled over 600 meters to the south of the original discovery zone at Tonopah. This hole was targeted based on a strong geophysical anomaly defined by Controlled Source Audio Frequency Magnetotellurics (“CSAMT”) survey. The CSAMT survey defined the potential for a major fault within a zone of high resistivity. A strong CSAMT anomaly occurs directly over the drill-defined resource at Tonopah. The fault was intercepted along with three zones of low-grade gold mineralization of up to **0.5 gpt Au with up to 3.4 gpt Silver**. These results indicate the potential for additional mineralization along the entire 600 meter strike length to the discovery zone. Additional exploration along this trend is justified. TG2417 in combination with the known Midway Hills resource potential, located approximately 1.4 kilometers west of the main pit zone, demonstrates the potential for a significantly larger gold resource at Tonopah.

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Tonopah Drillhole Location Map Fall 2024 RC Drill Program



Tonopah Gold Project Exploration Potential



Quality Assurance/Quality Control

Viva Gold utilizes a well-documented system of inserting blanks and standards into the assay stream and has a strict chain of custody for samples taken by the Company. Assays taken by the Company are completed at independent laboratories which have internal quality assurance and quality control systems and procedures. Assays were performed by American Assay Laboratories Inc. of Reno, Nevada, by fire assay and ICP methods with gravimetric finish.

Qualified Person

James Hesketh, MMSA-QP, has approved the scientific and technical disclosure contained in this press release. Mr. Hesketh is not independent of the Company; he is an Officer and Director.

About Viva Gold Corp:

The Tonopah project sits in the middle of gold mining country about a half hour drive south of the Round Mountain mine owned by Kinross Gold and controls a major land position on the prolific Walker Lane Trend in Western Nevada. Viva has consistently grown the gold resources at Tonopah since 2018 and is in the completed two drilling programs in 2024, both of which have been targeted to potentially increase the gold resource while also upgrading the confidence level of known gold mineralization. The Company plans to update the resource model and initiate Pre-Feasibility Study in 2025, both of which are major catalysts and value creation events for shareholders.

Viva Gold is led by CEO James Hesketh, a 40-year veteran in the mining space who has led the development and construction of eight other mines around the world throughout his career. James has surrounded himself with equally experienced mining professionals both on the management team and the board.

The Tonopah Gold Project, a potential open pit, heap leach/mill opportunity, has all the hallmarks of a successful mining development project as key infrastructure is in place and is supported by compelling economic PEA studies.

Viva Gold trades on the TSX Venture exchange "VAU", on the OTCQB "VAUCF" and on the Frankfurt exchange "7PB". Viva currently has ~132.9 million shares outstanding and boasts a best-in-class management team and board with decades of gold exploration and production experience. The Company is advancing its high-grade Tonopah Gold Project in mining friendly Nevada with the support of several institutional shareholders. More information can be found on <https://www.Sedar.Com> and please visit our website: www.vivagoldcorp.com.

Viva is committed to developing the Tonopah Gold Project in an environmentally and socially responsible fashion. These values are aligned with management's core values and permeate throughout our decision-making process.

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- 1) **2022 PEA:** NI43-101 Technical Report, Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Tonopah Project (amended April 12, 2022) authored by Gustavson Associates including Donald E. Hulse, P.E., SME-RM; Christopher Emanuel, SME-RM; Deepak Malhotra, Ph.D., SME-RM; and Edward Bryant, AIPG, CPG

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