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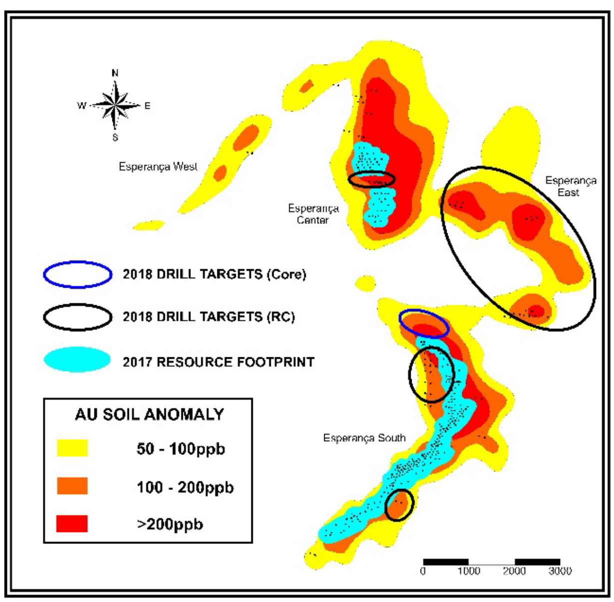
<u>2018 DRILLING STARTS AT TRISTAR GOLD'S CASTELO DE SONHOS PROJECT</u>

TriStar Gold Inc. (the "Company" or "TriStar") is pleased to announce that the 2018 drilling campaign has started at its Castelo de Sonhos ("CDS") gold project in Pará State, Brazil, with a core rig now drilling at CDS and an RC rig to start next week This is the beginning of several months of drilling aimed at extending the known mineralization into new areas with the goal being to increase the mineral resources.

Mr. Nick Appleyard, President and CEO, commented: "This year's work on Castelo de Sonhos is aimed at building on the substantial resource base that we announced last year. The areas we have targeted for drilling include filling in gaps and extending the drill-tested areas at Esperança South and Central, as well as the first really detailed campaign at Esperança East. With our drill program last year, we achieved a very large increase in resources; now we are again aggressively putting investor money to work to advance the project."

The initial RC holes in this program will fill in some gaps at Esperança Central before moving to Esperança South. The man-portable core rig will drill the northern extension of Esperança South where the RC rig is too large to access. Figure 1, shows the main drill targets for this initial 2018 campaign.

Castelo de Sonhos



About TriStar:

TriStar Gold is an exploration and development company focused on precious metals properties in the Americas that have potential to become significant producing mines. The Company's current flagship property is Castelo de Sonhos in Pará State, Brazil. The Company's shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol TSG. Further information is available at www.tristargold.com.

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