A2GOLD COMMENCES CORE DRILLING AT EASTSIDE TARGETING RESOURCE EXPANSION

PROVIDES RC DRILLING EXPLORATION UPDATE

TONOPAH, Nev., April 21, 2026 /CNW/ - **A2Gold Corp. ("A2Gold" or the "Company")** (TSXV: AUAU) (OTCQX: AUXXF) (FRA: RR7) is pleased to announce the commencement of diamond core drilling at its flagship Eastside Gold-Silver Project ("Eastside" or the "Project") in Nevada The fully funded and approximately 2,500 metre program is designed to support mineral resource definition and potential expansion. The Company also provides an update on its ongoing reverse circulation ("RC") drilling program.

Peter Gianulis, CEO of A2Gold, commented: *"We are excited to initiate this phase of diamond core drilling at Eastside. The program is intended to provide important geological and structural data to support an updated mineral resource estimate in accordance with NI 43-101, and to complement the Company's ongoing RC exploration activities at Eastside."*

2,500 Meter Diamond Core Drilling Program
The diamond core drill rig has mobilized to site and drilling is underway in the Castle area, located in the southern portion of the Eastside District. This program has been designed with the following objectives:

- **Integrated Drilling Approach**: To integrate with and support the Company's ongoing RC drilling program by providing higher-quality geological and structural information.
- **Resource Definition and Expansion**: To target areas with the potential to improve geological confidence and contribute to the delineation and potential expansion of mineral resources.
- **Geological and Structural Characterization**: To better define lithological units, alteration, structural controls, and the continuity of mineralization.
- **Data Acquisition for Modeling**: To collect representative geological, geotechnical, and metallurgical data to support future resource estimation and modeling.

Update on RC Drilling Program
The Company has completed eleven (11) RC drill holes, including one (1) core pre-collar, as part of its current exploration program. Drilling has primarily targeted new areas generated from recent geophysical surveys, geological mapping, surface geochemistry, and reinterpretation of historical datasets. Results are pending.

The current program has utilized a track-mounted RC rig thus far. To improve drilling efficiency and to achieve planned depths, the Company intends to transition to a truck-mounted RC rig, which is expected to arrive on-site within approximately 60 days. Upon arrival, RC drilling is expected to continue systematic testing of exploration targets across the District.

Path Toward Updated Resource Estimate
Upon completion of the current diamond core drilling program, the Company intends to update the mineral resource estimate for the Eastside Project in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"). The updated resource is expected to incorporate data from both the diamond core and RC drilling programs, with the objective of improving resource confidence and evaluating the potential for expansion of the existing mineral resource.

QUALIFIED PERSON
John Marma is a Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) with the American Institute of Professional Geologists and is the Qualified Person under NI 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, who has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical content of this press release.

ABOUT A2GOLD CORP
A2Gold Corp. owns three highly prospective gold projects in the United States all of which are in the mining-friendly jurisdiction of Nevada. A2Gold's flagship, district-scale Eastside Gold-Silver Project hosts a large and expanding gold and silver resource and is in an area of excellent infrastructure.

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