

Zodiac Gold Expands District-Scale Gold System at Ben Ben with Trench Result of 56m at 0.40 g/t Au and Multiple Mineralized Trends

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - April 20, 2026) - Zodiac Gold Inc. (TSXV: ZAU) (OTCQB: ZAUIF) (FSE: K19) ("Zodiac Gold" or the "Company"), a West African gold exploration company, is pleased to report additional results from the on-going trenching program along the Ben Ben to Youth Camp trend at its flagship Todi Gold Project in Liberia. The Ben Ben target, located 1.3km along strike from the Company's Arthington Discovery, lies within a 16km gold-in-soil corridor extending from Arthington to Youth Camp. Following the Company's success at the Arthington Discovery, the Ben Ben-to-Youth Camp portion of the trend is now being tested through a 3,600m trenching program and up to 14,000 m of drilling, advancing toward a mineral resource estimate in Q4 2026. Results have been received from 860m of trenching, while core logging, sampling, preparation and analysis is on-going for the first nine holes drilled.

Exploration at the Ben Ben target continues to demonstrate the compelling geological characteristics of the 16km Arthington to Youth Camp trend, consistent with a district-scale, shear-hosted gold system within the broader Todi Shear Zone. Previous exploration by Zodiac Gold at the Arthington Discovery demonstrated the presence of multiple parallel mineralized zones and, importantly, trenching at Ben Ben has now confirmed gold mineralization across both interpreted east-west to northwest-southeast trends. The southern trend, which has been the focus of exploration by Zodiac Gold to date, has a strike length of 1km, while the northern trend extends over 7.5km to the Youth Camp target to the southeast.

Notably, the lithologies identified in the mineralized zones on both the northern and southern trends are interpreted as weathered amphibolite and melanocratic gneiss; the same hosts of gold mineralization as at the Company's Arthington Discovery and other priority targets including Youth Camp and Alasala. In addition to the lithological control on mineralization, the northwest trending, regional-scale Todi Shear Zone, formed during the Pan African Orogeny, along with second order structures, structural intersections and folding, are interpreted to play an important role in the localization of gold mineralization in the region.

Highlighted results from the recent trenching on the northern trend at the Ben Ben target include **56m at 0.40 g/t Au** in BBT004, including **1m at 1.21 g/t Au, 1m at 1.17 g/t Au, 1m at 1.09 g/t Au and 1m at 1.01 g/t Au**.

Highlighted results from the 2025 trenching on the southern trend at the Ben Ben target (see [news release dated December 1, 2025](#)) include:

- **30m at 1.24 g/t Au** in BBT002, including **1m at 25.1 g/t Au** and **1m at 6.61 g/t Au**
- **36m at 0.28 g/t Au** in BBT002, including **2m at 0.81 g/t Au**
- **25m at 0.31 g/t Au** in BBT001, including **1m at 3.91 g/t Au**
- **19m at 0.21 g/t Au** in BBT003

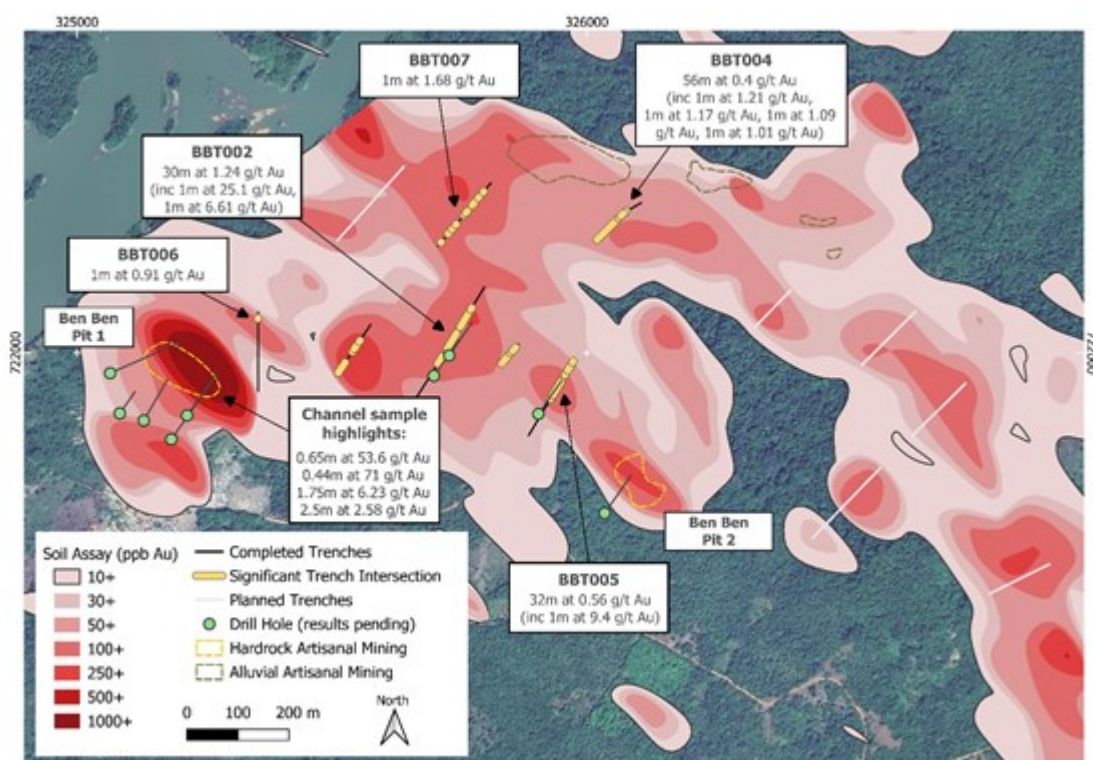
The 56m at 0.40 g/t Au intercept in BBT004 on the northern trend is particularly significant as it demonstrates broad, continuous, near-surface mineralization with higher-grade zones, coincident with a 210m long soil anomaly and adjacent artisanal workings. This relationship between geochemical anomalies, trench results, and alluvial mining activity provides strong evidence of a fertile system with the potential for multiple parallel zones.

When integrated with [previously reported results from the southern trend](#)—most notably 30m at 1.24 g/t Au including high-grade intervals up to 25.1 g/t Au—the initial exploration of the Ben Ben target exhibits a robust combination of bulk-tonnage potential and high-grade shoots, a key attribute of economically

significant orogenic deposits. Furthermore, the scale of trenching completed to date represents only a fraction of the defined anomaly footprint, underscoring the significant upside potential for expansion.

Collectively, these results materially strengthen the geological model at the Todi Gold Project, confirming that the Ben Ben target is not an isolated occurrence but rather part of a larger, interconnected gold system extending from Arthington to Youth Camp. The emergence of multiple mineralized trends within this corridor supports the Company's view that the project hosts district-scale potential comparable to other major West African shear-hosted gold camps.

David Kol, President and CEO of Zodiac Gold, commented: "These results continue to validate our interpretation of a large-scale, structurally controlled gold system at Todi. The emergence of parallel mineralized trends at Ben Ben, combined with strong continuity and localized high-grade zones, is exactly what we look for when building a meaningful gold district. We are still early in the exploration cycle, and the scale of this system continues to grow with each phase of work."



Map 1: Trench results at the Ben Ben target

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A total of 1,195.80m of trenching has been completed to date in the 2025 and 2026 programs. Trench collar data is presented in Table 1 and significant intersections are summarized in Table 2. Note that BBT004 was extended from the original trench sampled by the Company in 2025. The collar data in Table 1 shows the new start point and combined length of BBT004, and combined significant intersections are shown in Table 2.

Table 1: 2025-2026 trench collar data at the Ben Ben target

Trench ID	Easting (UTM WGS84, 29N)	Northing (UTM WGS84, 29N)	Elevation (m)	Azimuth (degrees)	Dip (degrees)	Length (m)
BBT001	325511	721959	44	34	0	116.3
BBT002	325726	722008	64	31	0	141.4
BBT002EXT	325574	721765	49	32	0	283
BBT003	325833	721979	66	41	0	50.3

BBT004	326015	722217	66	45	0	118.8
BBT005	325886	721838	64	31	0	170
BBT006	325355	721925	52	0	0	155
BBT007	325708	722210	59	40	0	161

Table 2: Significant trench intersections at Ben Ben

Trench ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au g/t
BBT001	2.00	27.00	25.00	0.31
<i>Including</i>	22.00	23.00	1.00	3.91
BBT001	52.00	56.00	4.00	0.13
BBT001	59.00	72.00	13.00	0.14
BBT001	76.00	79.00	3.00	0.12
BBT002	0.00	36.00	36.00	0.28
<i>Including</i>	28.00	30.00	2.00	0.81
BBT002	50.00	80.00	30.00	1.24
<i>Including</i>	66.00	73.00	7.00	4.75
<i>Including</i>	66.00	68.00	1.00	6.61
<i>Including</i>	72.00	73.00	1.00	25.1
BBT002	90.00	94.00	4.00	0.13
BBT002Ext	252	269	17	0.13
BBT002Ext	279	284	5	0.12
BBT003	0.00	19.00	19.00	0.21
BBT003	27.00	29.00	2.00	0.19
BBT003	33.00	42.00	9.00	0.15
BBT004	7	63	56	0.40
<i>Including</i>	32	33	1	1.09
<i>Including</i>	39	40	1	1.17
<i>Including</i>	52	53	1	1.21
<i>Including</i>	56	57	1	1.01
BBT004	67	70	3	0.22
BBT004	73	85	12	0.28
BBT005	83	85	2	0.13
BBT005	91.00	123.00	32.00	0.56
<i>Including</i>	108.00	122.00	14.00	1.08
<i>Including</i>	111.00	112.00	1.00	9.40
BBT005	149	162	13	0.25
BBT005	167	170	3	0.10
BBT006	142	143	1	0.91
BBT007	9	10	1	1.68
BBT007	31	34	3	0.10
BBT007	43	45	2	0.13
BBT007	54	56	2	0.12
BBT007	79	82	3	0.13
BBT007	85	90	5	0.12
BBT007	104	119	15	0.17
BBT007	123	126	3	0.15
BBT007	138	140	2	0.13
BBT007	145	162	17	0.13

Note that significant intersections have been determined as intervals above 0.1 g/t Au with a minimum length of 2m and a maximum of 2m of consecutive samples below 0.1 g/t Au. Further exploration is required to confirm the orientation of the mineralized zones and, as such, intervals are sampled lengths rather than true thicknesses.

Sampling and QA/QC Procedures

Following excavation, the walls of the trenches were cleaned and samples were taken at 1m intervals in channels along one wall, with care being taken to avoid contamination between samples. QA/QC procedures included the addition of blank and duplicate samples to the sample sequence, all of which returned acceptable results.

All samples met the standards for chain of custody without the opportunity for third party access from Zodiac Gold's exploration camp to the Liberia Geochemical Services Inc. sample preparation laboratory in Monrovia, Liberia. Each sample was dried and then crushed to 70% passing -2mm and a representative 1kg split was taken by riffle splitting. The split was then pulverized to 85% passing -75 micron and approximately 200g was bagged and labelled, with the remainder being returned to Zodiac Gold. Analysis was performed by 50g fire assay with an atomic absorption finish (method Au-AA26) at the ALS Geochemistry laboratory in Kumasi, Ghana. ALS Geochemistry is independent of Zodiac Gold and is accredited for method Au-AA26.

Qualified Person

Tom Dowrick, Director of Exploration at Zodiac Gold, is a Chartered Geologist of the Geological Society of London and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. He has reviewed and approved the technical and scientific information contained in this release.

About Zodiac Gold

Zodiac Gold Inc. (TSXV: ZAU) (OTCQB: ZAUIF) (FSE: K19) is a West-African gold exploration company focused on its flagship Todi Gold Project in Liberia—an underexplored, politically stable, mining friendly jurisdiction hosting several large-scale gold and iron ore deposits. Strategically positioned along the fertile Todi Shear Zone, Zodiac Gold is developing a district-scale gold opportunity with additional iron ore potential, covering a vast 2,316 km² land package. The Todi Gold Project has undergone de-risking, showcasing proven gold occurrences at both surface and depth, with five drill-ready targets, of which two have been drilled and high-grade gold intercepts.

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