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## Initial Assay Results from Viva Gold's Tonopah Gold Project, Nevada

**VANCOUVER, BC – April 9, 2024** – Viva Gold Corp. (TSX-Venture: **VAU**; OTCQB: **VAUCF**) (the "Company" or "Viva") is pleased to provide initial assay results for three holes from the recently completed 10-hole, 1,515-meter reverse circulation ("RC") drilling program at its 100%-owned Tonopah gold project ("Tonopah"). Tonopah is located on the prolific Walker Lane mineral trend in western Nevada, about 20 minutes' drive from the town of Tonopah.

These first three RC holes were drilled to offset widely spaced gold intercepts from our 2022 and 2023 drill programs on the north side of the 2022 Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") main pit area, an area that had previously been considered waste in the resource model. All gold ("Au") and silver ("Ag") intercepts in these first three holes were in tertiary volcanics.

### Highlights

- **TG2401** intercepted **50.5-meters ("m")** starting at 40m averaging **0.68 grams per tonne Au ("gpt Au")** and **3.0 gpt Ag**, including two higher grade zones of **10.7m at 1.54 gpt Au** starting at 40-m and **4.6 m at 1.47 gpt Au** starting at 69m. **TG2401** was drilled due west from the collar of **TG2212 (21.3m at 0.5 gpt Au**, including **7.6m at 1.3 gpt Au**) towards hole **TG2210 (38m averaging 0.8 g/t Au** starting at 18m depth).
- **TG2403** intercepted **18.3m at 0.6 gpt Au and 5.8 gpt Ag** commencing at 64m including **3m at 1.37 gpt Au and 4.1 gpt Ag**. **TG2402** intercepted **4.6m at 0.5 gpt Au and 1.5 gpt Ag** starting at 52m. **TG2402** and **TG2403** were each drilled in a western direction 40m to the north and south respectively of **TG2310** (four zones with a cumulative total of **48m at 1.9 gpt Au**, including **23m at 3.5 gpt Au** starting at 72m).

"We are very pleased with these initial results. These first three holes, when combined with prior wide-spaced drilling, potentially create strong grade continuity on the northeastern side of the resource pit shell defined in our 2022 PEA. This area had only been sparsely drilled in the past and was previously described as containing primarily waste material in the model. Additional infill and step-out drilling in this area of the project is clearly justified," stated **James Hesketh, President & CEO**.

Initial Drill Results 2024 Reverse Circulation Drilling Program									
Hole	Azimuth	Dip	From	To	Length	Gold Grade	Silver Grade	Rock Type	Comment
			Meter	Meter	Meter	Gram/Tonne	Gram/Tonne		
<b>TG2401</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>-70</b>			<b>105</b>				
			<b>40</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	Tvl	Offset TG2210 and TG2212
			<i>including</i> 40	<i>including</i> 50	10.7	1.5	6.3		
			69	73	4.6	1.5	2.9		
<b>TG2402</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>-70</b>			<b>128</b>				
			<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	Tvl	40m Offset S of TG2310
<b>TG2403</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>-70</b>			<b>128</b>				
			<b>64</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	Tvl	40m Offset N of TG2310
			<i>including</i> 76	<i>including</i> 79	3.0	1.37	4.10		

Tvu = Upper Tertiary Volcanic

Cutoff Grade: 0.25 Au Eq g/t

Tvl = Lower Tertiary Volcanic

Opa = Ordovician Palmetto Argillite

NSS = No significant sample

Drill Hole Number	Actual Depth m	Actual E	Actual N	Actual Az	Actual Dip	Actual Elev. m
TG2401	105	493,827	4,234,556	270	-70	1774
TG2402	128	493,903	4,234,509	270	-70	1772
TG2403	128	493,908	4,234,548	270	-70	1772

**Note : UTM NAD 83, zone 11**

### **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 and controls a major land position on the prolific Walker Lane Trend in Western Nevada. Viva has consistently grown its resources since 2017 and has commenced a new, fully funded drill program to further define and grow the current resource base. The Company plans to update the resource model and initiate Pre-Feasibility Study in 2024, 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. Jim has surrounded himself with equally experienced mining professionals both on the management team and the board.

The Tonopah Gold Project has all the hallmarks of a successful mining development project as key infrastructure is in place and is supported by compelling economic studies.

Please reach out and get to know us as 2024 is shaping up to be a transformational year.

Viva Gold trades on the TSX Venture exchange "VAU", on the OTCQB "VAUCF" and on the Frankfurt exchange "7PB". Viva currently has ~118.4 million shares outstanding and boasts a best-in-class management team and board with decades of both 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](http://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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