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## ANTILLES GOLD RAISES \$3.0 MILLION FOR DRILLING EL PILAR COPPER DEPOSITS, CUBA

Antilles Gold Limited ("Antilles Gold" or the "Company") (ASX Code: AAU, FSE Code: PTJ, OTCQB: ANTMF) advises that the Company has received firm commitments to subscribe for 90.0 million fully paid New Shares at \$0.034 each from non-related, sophisticated and professional investors which will raise \$3.0 million before costs.

Placement holders will receive one free attaching New Option for each two New Shares issued. The New Options will be exercisable at \$0.10 each on or before 30 June 2025.

The proposed issue will be effected in the following manner:

- i) 90,000,000 New Shares will be issued at \$0.034 each under Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A to raise \$3,060,000 before estimated costs of \$165,000.
- ii) 45,000,000 New Options will be issued under Listing Rule 7.1 on a 1 for 2 basis to the placees of New Shares at no cost, but the issue of the New Options will be delayed until around 29 April 2023.

A Prospectus will be sent to ASIC on 10 May 2023 and published on, or about 18 May 2023 which should permit an application to ASX for listing of the New Options.

The placement of the New Shares was not underwritten, and is being arranged by Prenzler Group Pty Ltd which will be paid a fee of 6% of the funds it raises, or be placed directly by the Company to qualified existing shareholders.

The funds raised will be applied as follows;

a) \$1,200,000 as an advance to the Los Llanos International Economic Association ("IEA") ("Exploration Agreement") between subsidiaries of Antilles Gold, and the Cuban Government's mining company, GeoMinera SA, which will fund the initial 7,000m drilling program on the El Pilar, and Gaspar copper-gold porphyry deposits in central Cuba. Drilling will commence in around two weeks.

This advance will be reimbursed by the joint venture that will be established between the same parties to hold the El Pilar concession after this initial program. The Joint Venture will carry out additional exploration of the porphyry deposits, and possible mine development. Antilles Gold will have no economic interest in these properties until the concession is held in the proposed joint venture.

b) \$1,200,000 contribution towards a commitment by a subsidiary of Antilles Gold to subscribe US\$1,500,000 of share capital to the existing joint venture company, Minera La Victoria ("MLV") to establish a 50% interest in the El Pilar gold-copper oxide deposit which overlays the porphyry system.

The Cuban shareholder is currently transferring the oxide concession to MLV at its agreed value of US\$1,500,000 which will be paid for by the issue of MLV shares.

The funds contributed by Antilles Gold will be spent by MLV on a 7,000m shallow (100m) drilling program on the gold and copper domains of the oxide deposit which have already been the subject of 24,000m of historic drilling, and 1,800m by Antilles Gold. Drilling commenced last week.

c) The balance will be used to advance the progress of the near completed DFS for MLV's proposed La Demajagua open pit mine, and for Antilles Gold's working capital.

Shareholders should note that the Record Date for the proposed 1 for 3 Entitlement Issue of options with the same terms as the New Options described above, which was announced to ASX on 14 March 2023, has been deferred to 15 May 2023 due to delays in finalising the Prospectus for this issue.

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This announcement has been authorised by the Chairman of Antilles Gold Limited. For further information, please contact:

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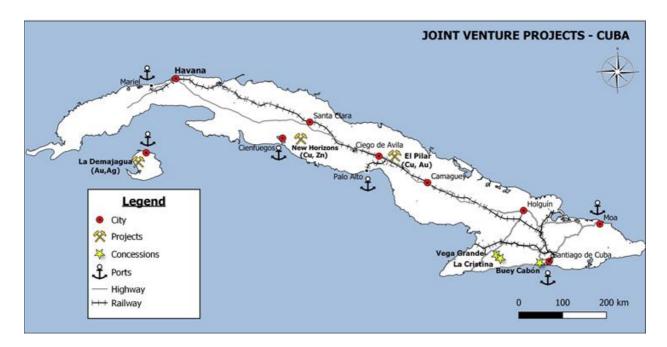
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## **ABOUT ANTILLES GOLD LIMITED:**

Antilles Gold is at the forefront of the emerging mining sector in mineral rich Cuba, and expects to be involved in the development of a number of projects through its joint ventures with the Cuban Government's mining company, GeoMinera SA.

The near-term project of the existing joint venture company, Minera La Victoria SA, is the proposed development of the La Demajagua open pit mine on the Isle of Youth in south-west Cuba which, based on geological modelling and metallurgical test work, is expected to profitably produce concentrates containing gold, silver, and antimony valued at over US\$100 million per year at current metal prices for 9 years. (Results of Scoping Study advised to ASX on 30 March 2023.



- The current pipeline of additional projects with near-term development potential includes the El Pilar gold-copper oxide deposit which caps a large copper-gold porphyry system in central Cuba. The oxide deposit is currently being transferred to Minera La Victoria for additional exploration and studies, and anticipated development.
- The joint venture partners intend to invest part of the expected profits from the La Demajagua mine to fund future mine developments, and an extensive exploration program of major targets, including the El Pilar copper-gold porphyry system where aeromagnetic, ground magnetics, and Induced Polarisation surveys have confirmed two major porphyry intrusives.
- Drilling of the two copper-gold porphyry deposits will commence in May 2023.
- Antilles Gold, which nominates all senior management to the joint venture, is comfortable operating under the applicable law on Foreign Investment in Cuba and the realistic Mining and Environmental regulations, and has been granted a generous fiscal regime by the Government which is supportive of its objectives.

- The joint venture agreement includes the requirement for all funds to be held in a foreign Bank account with the only transfers to Cuba being for local expenses, which should eliminate country credit risk for foreign lenders and suppliers.
- o Importantly, GeoMinera's 51% shareholding in the joint venture company reflects ownership and does not provide control of decisions at Board or Shareholder Meetings, where the two shareholders have equal votes. The 51:49 arrangement is expected to be adjusted to 50:50 in the near future to better reflect the partnership with GeoMinera.



Exploration Director, Dr Christian Grainger Examining Drill Core El Pilar Cu-Au Porphyry System, Central Cuba