



**ASX Announcement**

**2 May 2018**

## **Plan to Restart Mining Update Red October Gold Project**

### **Highlights**

- *Geological review by Pit N Portal highlights areas within the existing 85,000 oz @ 13.6 g/t underground resource model as potentially mineable*
- *High level mine planning and financial analysis of these areas is underway with initial results expected shortly*
- *New targets outside the known resource exist with further potential for near term mining identified*
- *Pit N Portal studies set to continue with successful first pass work resulting in
  - *a framework to release a scoping study for mining*
  - *mine design and scheduling*
  - *financial models and budgets**

### **CORPORATE SUMMARY**

#### **Executive Chairman**

Paul Poli

#### **Director**

Frank Sibbel

#### **Director & Company Secretary**

Andrew Chapman

#### **Shares on Issue**

176.93 million

#### **Unlisted Options**

13.70 million @ \$0.25 - \$0.30

#### **Top 20 shareholders**

Hold 51.68%

#### **Share Price on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

16.5 cents

#### **Market Capitalisation**

\$29.19 million

Matsa Resources Limited (“Matsa” or “the Company” ASX: MAT) announced on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 that it had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Pit N Portal Mining Services Pty Ltd (“PNP”) whereby PNP will undertake a two staged approach to conducting underground studies and development of mineral resources at the Red October gold project (*MAT announcement to ASX 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018*). The goal is for PNP to commence mining at the Red October Gold Mine for Matsa as soon as possible.

Stage 1 of the MOU was expected to be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> April. However, the preliminary results of the initial mining design and high level financial model is highly encouraging with a significant number of opportunities identified in the geological review. Matsa has decided to increase the scope of this first study to incorporate the new findings. Results of the expanded study are expected shortly.

Areas for near term underground mining have been identified based on confidence levels of the mineral resource, distance from existing infrastructure and exploration requirements.

An initial 15 areas within the existing 85,000 oz @ 13.6 g/t underground resource model (Table 1) have been identified as near term potential mining areas and are currently being investigated further for mine planning and financial analysis (Figure 1). Another 12, near mine areas outside the existing resource model have also been identified for further drilling as high priority drill targets.

	Indicated			Inferred			Total		
June 30 2017	tonnes	g/t	Oz Au	tonnes	g/t	Oz Au	tonnes	g/t	Oz Au
Red October OP	251,000	17	14,000				251,000	1.7	14,000
Red October UG	89,000	12.1	35,000	106,000	14.6	50,000	195,000	13.6	85,000
Total	340,000	4.5	49,000	106,000	14.7	50,000	446,000	6.9	99,000

**Table 1: 30 June 2017 Red October Resource Estimate (ref ASX: SAR 02/08/2017)**

*The initial mining areas identified for further work referred to in this announcement have been undertaken as part of a process to determine a decision to resume mining at Red October. It is a preliminary technical and economic study of the potential viability of the Red October underground mine. It is based on low level technical and economic assessments which are not sufficient as of yet to support the estimation of ore reserves. Further exploration and evaluation work and appropriate studies are required before Matsa will be in a position to estimate ore reserves or to provide any assurance of an economic development case. Given the uncertainty involved, investors should not make any investment decisions based solely on the results in this announcement.*

*The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the above resource estimate and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the above resource estimate continue to apply and have not materially changed.*

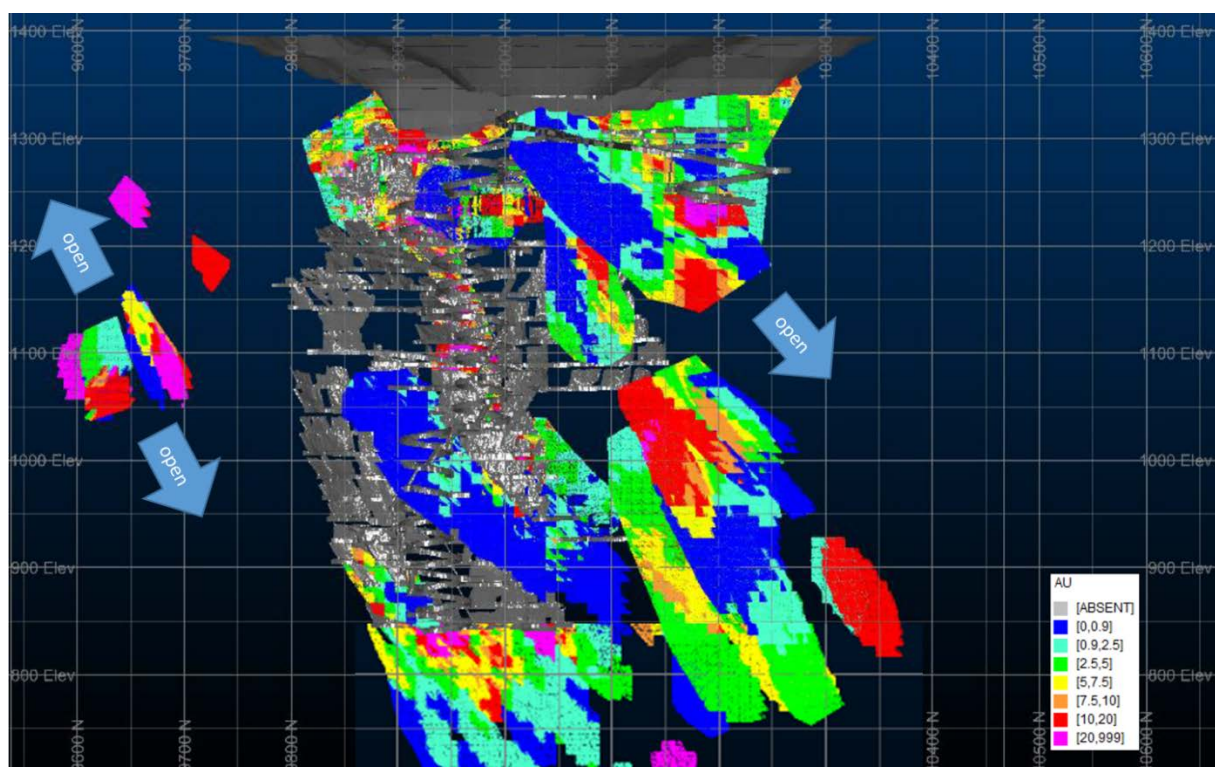


Figure 1: Long Section (looking west) showing selected resource model domains under investigation and existing development

In addition to areas within the resource model, 12 other areas have also been identified as having near mine potential and require further exploration and evaluation work (Figure 1). Subject to further positive Stage 1 results, Matsa intends to move into Stage 2 which will involve a more detailed continuation of the Stage 1 work, as well as obtaining all necessary permits and approvals, attending to tenders and contracts and the establishment of a mining reserve. The studies will also include mining plans and schedules.

Matsa's Executive Chairman Mr Paul Poli said *"I am delighted that the initial geological review provides substantial encouragement to continue investigations towards mining in the near term. I continue to look forward to working with PNP over the coming months to commence mining at Red October."*

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#### **Competent Person**

*The information in this report that relates to Exploration results is based on information compiled by Mark Csar, who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mark Csar is a full time employee of Matsa Resources Limited. Mark Csar has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of ore deposit under consideration and the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mark Csar consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*