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TARUGA RAISES \$2.835M VIA PLACEMENT

Taruga Gold Limited (**Taruga** or the **Company**) (ASX:TAR) is pleased to announce it has received firm commitments for a A\$2,835,000 placement of 13,500,000 ordinary shares from a group of strategic and sophisticated investors including Hongze Group Ltd (**Hongze**) (the **Investors**) at an issue price of \$0.21 per share (**Placement**) to fund due diligence exploration activities and project evaluation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (**DRC**). The Placement is being undertaken at a slight discount to the last closing price of \$0.215 per share on 1 June 2018. The Investors approached the Company regarding a potential capital raising after the recently announced drilling update¹.

Under the terms of the Placement, the Investors will also be issued with unlisted options on a 1 for 1 basis (13,500,000 free attaching options) exercisable at \$0.30 each within 24 months from the date of issue.

The Company will utilise the additional placement capacity approved at Friday's general meeting, with the balance of the shares (3,500,000) and the options to be issued under the Company's ASX Listing Rule 7.1 capacity. Completion of the Placement is expected to occur on or around Thursday, 14 June 2018.

Commenting on the Placement Executive Director Mark Gasson stated:

"The support of Hongze highlights the significant potential of the Company's cobalt projects in the DRC. Hongze, led by Managing Partner Mr Raymond Liu, has extensive experience in mineral investments and has interests in a range of ASX-listed companies. Taruga looks forward to working with Raymond and Hongze in advancing the Company's projects."

Drilling Update at Kamilombe and Mwilu

Three diamond holes have been completed at Kamilombe and a fourth hole has been drilled down to 237m for a total of 816m by Katanga Exploration. Overall recoveries have been good but deteriorate slightly when drilling NQ core size at depth. A good correlation generally exists between the Mines R2 Series geology encountered and the historical holes drilled by KCC/Gecamines. All holes have intersected numerous breccia fault zones suggesting that faulting may account for slight discrepancies in twinned holes.

¹ Refer ASX Announcement 22 May 2018



Black oxides and anomalous Niton results have been observed where expected although actual Niton grades can only be reported once samples have been prepped in ALS Global's sample prep laboratory in Lubumbashi. The Niton is unable to quantify Cu or Co grades in drill core but gives an indication of where mineralisation can be expected. As expected, very little visual copper mineralisation was observed.

At Mwilu, the first shallow diamond hole has been completed by Equity Drilling. No upper Mines R2 Series was intersected in the hole which commenced in barren RSC immediately below the overburden. This infers that the lithologies are flat dipping and future shallow holes will need to be stepped back to intersect the upper lithological units which are the focus of artisanal mining. Black oxides and anomalous Niton results were observed in the RSF and D.Strat stratigraphic units immediately underlying the RSC unit.

No historic drilling was available at Mwilu. The programme has been designed to test the near surface geology and mineralisation after which a fence of diamond holes at differing angles will be drilled to cover 1.4km of underlying Mines R2 Series lithologies.

Cutting and sampling of drill core has commenced with the first batch of samples expected in ALS Global's sample prep facility in Lubumbashi during the coming weeks. A split of all individual samples will be analysed using the Niton XRF analyser while a second sample will be sent to ALS Global's accredited laboratory in Johannesburg for 4 acid digest and ICP-AES finish.

First Niton results are expected mid to late June.

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Competent Person's Statement – Exploration Results

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based on, and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Mark Gasson, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Gasson is an Executive Director of Taruga Gold Limited. Mr Gasson has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves". Mr Gasson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

About Hongze Group Ltd

Hongze is a Shanghai based strategic advisor and investment company, which is focused on global investment opportunities in the resource sector. The management team has extensive experience managing a fund of over US\$100m, and has a proven track record in cross-border investment, project development and marketing in the Asia Pacific region. With the deep linkages in China, their strategies could help their portfolio companies maximize the growth potential by providing funding, technical and marketing support

Operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The main projects in which Taruga proposes to acquire are located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (**DRC**). The Company will be subject to the risks associated with operating in DRC. Such risks can include economic, social or political change, changes of law affecting foreign ownership, taxation, working conditions, rates of exchange, exchange control, exploration licensing, export duties, repatriation of income or return of capital, environmental protection, mine safety, labour relations as well as government control over mineral properties or government regulations.

Changes to DRC mining or investment policies and legislation or a shift in political attitude may adversely affect the Company's operations and profitability.

Adverse changes in government policies or legislation may affect ownership of mineral interests, taxation, royalties, land access, labour relations, and mining and exploration activities of the Company. It is possible that the current system of exploration and mine permitting in DRC may change, resulting in impairment of rights and possibly expropriation of the Company's properties without adequate compensation.



Exploration Risk

The mineral licences in which Taruga proposed to acquire are at various stages of exploration, and potential investors should understand that mineral exploration and development are high-risk undertakings.

There can be no assurance that exploration of these licences, or any other licences that may be acquired in the future, will result in the discovery of an economic ore deposit. Even if an apparently viable deposit is identified, there is no guarantee that it can be economically exploited.

The future exploration activities of the Company may be affected by a range of factors including geological conditions, limitations on activities due to seasonal weather patterns, unanticipated operational and technical difficulties, industrial and environmental accidents, native title process, changing government regulations and many other factors beyond the control of the Company.



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Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

	Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Sampling techniques		Taruga has commenced cutting core and sampling. All core will be halved with half remaining at Taruga's in country premises and the remaining half submitted for assay. Highly weathered core will be split using a broad bladed knife. Sampling of core will be according geology. Samples will have a maximum sample size of 50cm in HQ and PQ core and 1m in NQ core. Half cores will be submitted to ALS Global Laboratory in Lubumbashi for sample preparation. A representative sample from each sample will be returned to Taruga for Niton analysis. A second sample will be sent to ALS Global in Johannesburg for analysis using 4 acid digest and ICP-AES finish. QAQC samples including standards, blanks or repeat samples will be included as every 10 th sample. Sampling completed by Taruga is geochemical sampling.
		for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	Samples were collected from a series of trenches and pits of varying depths and submitted to ALS Global in Lubumbashi for sample prep. A split of the prepped samples was analysed by a Niton XRF analyser reported on 1 March 2018.
	5.8.		A total of 47 samples were analysed using 4 acid digest and ICP-AES finish by ALS Global. 4 duplicate samples were included for QAQC.
			Sample locations were located using a GPS, and channel sampling has been completed perpendicular to stratigraphy where possible having a minimum length of 30cm and a maximum length of 2m.
-		and the rest	Historical geochemical data is being reviewed and will be validated during the Due Diligence period.



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Drilling techniques	 Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). 	Due diligence diamond drilling has commenced at Kamilombe and Mwilu. Holes are collared using PQ size and then reduced to HQ and finally NQ size as drilling conditions deteriorate. Drilling muds and chemicals are used to ensure maximum core recoveries.
		The Company has received written geological logs for the drilling, including sampling information at Kamilombe announced 1 March 201 Drill holes are vertical. Geological logs have been reviewed during the assessment process, however the Company has commenced drilling during the Due Diligence period to twin holes and verify information.
		Additional data relating to the drilling is being pursued during the Due Diligence period.
Drill sample recovery	 Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results asses Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material. 	Recoveries are measured at the drill site by measuring actual length of core recovered verse core drilled. Holes are collared using PQ size are then reduced to HQ and finally NQ size as drilling conditions deteriorate. Drilling muds chemicals are used to ensure maximum cor recoveries. One stratigraphic unit, the RSC, is particularly vuggy and broken making it extremely difficult to attain 100% core recoveries. At Kamilombe, the unit is mineralised. Special care is taken by the driller to maximise core recoveries within the unit. Recoveries tend to deteriorate slightly at depth using NQ drill size where ground tends to be broken.
		Historical drilling information is referred to in this announcement and this information has been received as geological logs of the drill holes.
		No comments regarding samples recoveries are noted. No comment is made on the relationship between recovery and grade.
		Taruga will review this information during the Due Diligence period.



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Logging	 Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical 	Core logging is geological. Because rocks are weathered down to depths exceeding 250m it is not possible to orientate the core which limits structural information.
	 studies. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. 	All core is logged in detail according to geology and visible mineralisation and all core is photographed.
19.	 The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. 	Samples are geochemical samples. Information pertaining to the geology, sample grain size, degree of weathering and local topographical conditions were recorded.
		Taruga has received historic geological logs of the previous diamond drilling. No information is supplied regarding the geotechnical logging of the core.
Sub- sampling techniques and sample preparation	 If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	Taruga has started cutting core. All core will be halved with half remaining at Taruga's in country premises and the remaining half submitted for assay. Highly weathered core will be split using a broad bladed knife. Half cores will be submitted to ALS Global Laboratory in Lubumbashi for sample preparation. A representative sample from each sample will be returned to Taruga for Niton analysis. A second sample will be sent to ALS Global in Johannesburg for analysis using 4 acid digest and ICP-AES finish. QAQC samples including standards, blanks or repeat samples will be included as every 10 th sample. Sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of material being sampled. All samples collected by Taruga are geochemical samples. Samples are "grab" samples, or "channel" samples from historic trenching.
		No sub-sampling has occurred.



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		For the historic drilling data sampling data is reported in the geological drill logs, however no comment is made on percentage of core sampled.
		No QAQC information is available.
		Taruga has commenced drilling of the twin holes during the Due Diligence period, and will incorporate appropriate QAQC samples to provide confidence in the data.
Quality of	• The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and	Sampling completed by Taruga is geochemical sampling.
assay data and laboratory tests laboratory laboratory tests laboratory laboratory tests laboratory tests lab	 For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their 	Samples were collected from a series of trenches and pits of varying depths and submitted to ALS Global in Lubumbashi for sample prep. A split of the prepped samples was analysed by a Niton (XRF) XL3 Analyzer as reported on 1 March 2018.
		A total of 47 samples were analysed by ALS Global in Johannesburg for 4 acid digest and ICP-AES finish. This included 4 duplicate samples inserted for QAQC.
		All 4 repeat samples reported acceptable levels of variation.
		For the historical drilling data referred to in the announcement no details of assaying technique are available. No details of QAQC are available.
		Taruga intends to undertake a drilling programme during the Due Diligence period and will complete QAQC sampling.
Verification of sampling	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. 	The data collected by Taruga refers to geochemical sampling. No verification has been undertaken at this stage.
		The data is maintained in an electronic format containing assay and logging information.



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and assaying	Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	No adjustment to the assay data has occurred.
		Historical drilling data relating to the Kamilombe prospect relates to geological logs received by Taruga. No intersections were referred to in this announcement.
		Taruga has undertaken drilling during the Due Diligence period, including Twin holes to verify the historic drilling.
		Taruga has received geological logs. No digital data of historic drilling is available. Taruga intends to create a digital database of historic data.
		 No adjustment has been made to any assay information.
data points used in Mir Specificatio	 Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	All diamond holes for the due diligence drilling at Mwilu and Kamiloml were located using a Garmin GPS. All holes will be surveyed using a differential GPS with cm accuracy prior to any resource work.
		Taruga is negotiating a Lidar survey which will assist in defining the exact position on the ground prior to the differential GPS survey.
		Coordinates are reported in the WGS84-UTM35N Grid system.
		Geochemical sample points collected by Taruga were located by GPS
		Historical collar positions were observed in field reconnaissance. No surveying was completed.
Data spacing and	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral 	Geochemical sampling has been completed wherever mineralised stratigraphic were exposed. These were either in outcrop, down pits o in trenches. Samples were reconnaissance by nature.
distribution	 Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	Historic drilling at the Kamilombe prospect is completed on a 200m x 200m grid with vertical drill holes.



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	- •	Data is not considered suitable at this stage appropriate for a Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation.
		On completion of the due diligence drilling, and assuming Taruga continues with Mwilu and Kamilombe, Taruga will drill all holes on a 100 x 100m grid pattern. Taruga believes that this will be adequate for initial Mineral Resource Estimation.
		No sample compositing has been applied.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	All holes planned at Kamilombe are vertical. Drilling so far has shown this to be roughly perpendicular to the underlying stratigraphy. Holes at Kamilombe will be drilled at differing angles to ensure drilling is perpendicular to the stratigraphic orientation wherever possible where the mineralised units are interpreted to occur within two parallel synclines.
		Samples were collected perpendicular to the stratigraphic orientation wherever possible. Grab samples did not honour geology.
		For the historic drilling no comment is made on the drill orientation (vertical) and geology. Taruga will review this during the Due Diligence period.
Sample	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Samples were collected by employees of TAR.
security		Samples were transported to Lubumbashi under the supervision of TAR's senior employee before being submitted to ALS Global Laboratory in Lubumbashi for sample prep. No comment can be made on sample security of historic drilling.
Audits or reviews	• The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	No audits completed.



Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
tenement and land tenure	Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.	This announcement relates to a drilling update on the Mwilu and Kamilombe Projects (portions of PE's 4960 and 11599 respectively) located in the Democratic of Congo (DRC). The acquisition and deal terms were announced 1 March 2018. The permits covers an area of roughly 7km ² .
status	• The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	The validity of the title has been reviewed on Government databases, however a proper legal opinion on the status of all licences will be provided as part of the Due Diligence process.
		The agreement is subject to a due diligence period of 6 months during which Taruga has committed to short drilling programmes.
Exploration done by other parties	 Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties. 	A diamond drilling programme was carried out by KCC Katanga and Gecamines which ended in 2013 on the Kamilombe project. No detailed information regarding logging, core recoveries, surveys, QAQC has been provided. The Company has commenced twinning a selection of these holes during the due diligence period to confirm grades and widths and true thickness of the results reported by Gecamines/KCC Katanga.
		Early stage exploration consists of geochemical sampling.
		No other exploration is known to have been completed within the permit areas.
Geology	 Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation. 	All permits are located within the Central African Copper Belt. The Copper Belt extends over an area of 700km x 400km, from south-eastern DRC into Zambia.
		Mineralisation style is sediment hosted Copper-Cobalt mineralisation.
6	The state of the s	Previous geological exploration within the Copper Belt targeted the lower sedimentary sequences (known as the "Mines Group"), however recent



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1.1		work has highlighted mineralisation in the overlying Mwashya and Nguba groups. Significant discoveries include the Kamoa deposit (Ivanhoe Mines) where mineralisation is hosted in the "Grand Conglomerate Formation" at the base of Nguba group (also referred to as the Lower Kundulungu).
		Locally the geology within the permit areas consist of carbonaceous shales and siltstones of the Kundulungo group and more than 28km of Roan Mines (R2) Series.
Drill hole Information	• A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:	Diamond drilling has commenced at Mwilu and Kamilombe by Taruga. Drill hole collar data and main intervals will be included as tables in the body of the announcement.
	 easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole 	Elevation data will be recorded using a Garmin handheld GPS. Once the initial programme has been completed all drill hole collars will be surveyed with a DGPS to accurately establish position and elevation.
	 down hole length and interception depth hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case. 	Historical drilling has been completed at the Kamilombe prospect, however the company has received only preliminary information in the form of geological drill logs. Taruga intends to undertake validation drilling as part of the Due Diligence period and will also undertake a review of the historic drilling including survey of collars and creation of a database from geological logs as well as pursuing original geological databases that may contain additional information.
Data aggregation methods	 In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. 	No data aggregation methods were provided.



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	 The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	
Relationship between mineralisation widths and	 These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. 	Samples are geochemical samples. Where possible channel samples were collected perpendicular to the stratigraphic horizons. No assumption is made to the orientation of underlying stratigraphy in the grab samples.
intercept lengths	 If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known'). 	For the historic drilling at the Kamilombe prospect no comment has been made as the geometry of the mineralisation. The drilling is wide spaced (200m x 200m grid) and drilling is vertical. Announcement refers to "Down hole length, true width not known".
Diagrams	 Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	No diagrams were included in the current release. Relevant diagrams were included in ASX announcements released on 1 March 2018 and 3 April 2018.
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	This ASX announcement provides a drilling update within the permit areas. No information has been excluded.
Other substantive exploration data	 Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. 	No other relevant data.
Further work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	Historic exploration consists of geochemical sampling and drilling with partial cover of the permits. Taruga will confirm drill results from historic work as well as conduct drilling programmes at the Mwilu and Kamilombe Projects during the 6 month due diligence period and will conduct soil geochemical and air core drilling programmes on all early



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-		stage projects on completion of the initial due diligence programmes. The immediate future work is a process of Due Diligence drilling, geochemical sampling with samples dispatched to a commercial laboratory for analysis and verification of the surface anomalies.