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## Viva Gold Commences 2023 RC Drill Program at Tonopah Gold Project, Nevada

**VANCOUVER, BC – April 6, 2023** – Viva Gold Corp (TSX-Venture: VAU; OTCQB: VAUCF) (the “Company” or “Viva”) is pleased to announce that a reverse circulation (“RC”) drill rig has been mobilized to the Tonopah Gold Project (“Tonopah”), located near Tonopah, Nevada, to commence work on a 3,000 meter, 21- hole work plan approved by the US Bureau of Land Management. The drilling program is expected to be completed over approximately a two-month period, with assay results to follow.

“The focus of this program is to follow up on the exceptional drill results from our 2022 RC drilling program (shown below) and to perform both infill and step-out drilling in our current resource area with the goal of increasing the contained gold mineral resource at Tonopah. The program is also expected to upgrade existing inferred mineral resource to measured and indicated category and to partially convert undrilled waste material in the resource pit area into gold mineralization,” stated **James Hesketh, President & CEO**.

Highlights from our 2022 drill program (see January 16, 2023 release) follow:

- **TG2219** intercepted **18.3 meters (“m”) grading 4.1 grams per tonne gold (“g/t Au”)** starting at a depth of 73 m
- **TG2218**, encountered **1.5 m at 9.2 g/t Au** at 30 m depth
- **TG2217** penetrated **5.0 g/t Au over 18.2 m, including 4.6 m at 14.7 g/t Au** starting at 76 m depth
- **TG2214** hit a zone of **4.6 m averaging 21.4 g/t Au** starting at a depth of 111 m
- **TG2212** intercepted **21.3 m at 0.5 g/t Au**, including **7.6 m at 1.3 g/t Au**
- **TG2211** intercepted a zone of **57.9 m at 5.0 g/t Au** from 40 meters depth, including **11m at 24.0 g/t Au** which included **3 m at 53.6 g/t Au**
- **TG 2010** intercepted three zones totaling **38 m at 0.8 g/t Au** starting at 18m depth
- **TG2209; 86.9 m at 1.3 g/t Au** starting at 87m depth, including **3.0 m at 13.5 g/t Au**, and **1.5 m at 9.2 g/t Au**

### 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:

Viva Gold Corp holds 100% of Tonopah, located on the world class Walker Lane mineral trend in western Nevada, approximately 30 minutes’ drive southeast of the Kinross Round Mountain mine and 20 minutes’ drive from the Town of Tonopah. Prior to its 2022 drilling programs, Tonopah reported a pit confined measured and indicated gold mineral resource of 394,000 ounces at a gold grade of 0.78 g/t and 206,000 ounces of Inferred resource at 0.87 g/t<sup>(1)</sup>. The Company is updating its resource model by adding information from twenty-two drill holes completed in 2022 and is planning to prepare a new NI43-101 compliant resource estimate once the current drill program’s results are received. The gold resource at Tonopah is well oxidized and is amenable to both heap leach and leach mill processing for gold recovery. The project enjoys exceptional infrastructure with paved road access and nearby commercially available water and grid electric power. Viva is working with its regulators and local community to significantly advanced its environmental, social and technical baseline study work at

Tonopah to support future environmental and project development permitting requirements. These efforts demonstrate Viva's focus and commitment to de-risk and add value to the Tonopah project as it is advanced to feasibility study and permitting.

- 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

Viva has 106.7 million shares outstanding and a strong management team and board who can claim both gold exploration and production experience. For additional information on Viva Gold and the Tonopah Gold Project, please visit our website: [www.vivagoldcorp.com](http://www.vivagoldcorp.com).

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