

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Feb 29, 2016) - Newmarket Gold ("Newmarket" or the "Company")(TSX:NMI)(OTCQX:NMKTF) is pleased to announce the positive results of 9 drill holes (6,640 metres) from two new surface based growth programs that targeted the southern (6200mN) and northern (7950mN) areas of the Lower Phoenix system at the flagship Fosterville Gold Mine. Drilling at Fosterville continues to focus on further defining near mine underground gold targets located on the Lower Phoenix and Lower Phoenix Footwall (LPFW) Faults where the Company believes there is good potential to extend the current known resource. Drill results include several high-grade gold intercepts along strike from Fosterville's Mineral Resources and Reserves. Additionally, 500m of underground development to build the Harrier Exploration Drill Drive, a third growth program at Fosterville, is well advanced. All dollar amounts disclosed are in US dollars.

Highlights and Key Drill Intercepts at Fosterville (*Outside Indicated Mineral Resources Reported December 2014*)

- Drilling in the Lower Phoenix system confirms near-mine gold mineralization, with high-grade gold intercepts, and indicates potential to extend resources south (down-plunge) and north (up-plunge).
- Surface based diamond drilling on the Lower Phoenix South system (6200mN), targeting the down-plunge extensions of Lower Phoenix structures approximately 200m south of delineated Mineral Resources, has returned 12.75 g/t Au over 5.9m (ETW 4.5m) in hole SPD614C (including 29.41 g/t Au over 1.3m (ETW 1.0m)) and 6.16 g/t Au over 2.05m (ETW 1.9m) in hole SPD614A.
- Surface based diamond drilling on the Lower Phoenix North system (7950mN), targeting the up-plunge extension of the Lower Phoenix Faults, approximately 200m north of defined Mineral Resources, has returned significant drill intercepts including 12.5 g/t Au over 3.35m (ETW 2.4m) in hole SPD615A and 9.28 g/t Au over 3.35m (ETW 3.1m) in hole SPD615.
- Surface based diamond drilling has commenced on 7850mN to follow-up the high-grade gold results returned for 7950N. Drilling will target up-plunge extensions of the Lower Phoenix system 100m north of defined Mineral Resources.
- Underground drill drive development commenced in Q4 2015 from the Harrier Decline to support 2016 drilling of the down-plunge extension of the Phoenix gold system approximately 1000m south of current Mineral Reserves. A total of 243m of development of this project is now complete.
- Fosterville continues to finalize the December 2015 Mineral Resource and Reserve NI43-101 Technical Report which is on track to be delivered before the end of Q1 2016.

ETW - Estimated True Width, All drill results are presented in Table 1

Mr. Douglas Forster President and Chief Executive Officer, Newmarket Gold commented: "We are very encouraged by the latest drill results from our growth programs targeting the Lower Phoenix system at our flagship Fosterville Gold Mine. Based on our exploration success to date, and the previous discovery of the high-grade, visible gold-bearing Eagle Fault Zone, we believe the Lower Phoenix system has excellent potential to increase Mineral Resources. In 2016, drill programs will be focused on expanding the current resource base by gaining a detailed understanding of the geological potential to extend Mineral Resources, both up-plunge and down-plunge of existing Mineral Reserves in the Lower Phoenix system. With these first 9 holes, we have intersected mineralization to the North and South suggesting potential extension of resources near-mine while adding greater confidence that the mine will continue to produce high-quality ounces for many years to come."

Fosterville Surface Drilling Programs

Since August 2015, Newmarket has committed approximately \$2.0M to several surface drill programs to test both the northern and southern extensions of the Lower Phoenix mineralized system, which is one of the significant ore sources for the Fosterville Gold Mine. The purpose of the drilling is to increase the knowledge and confidence, both up-plunge and down-plunge of the current mining areas, and to potentially increase Mineral Resources. Newmarket sees these programs as a critical investment into the Fosterville Gold Mine to allow for sustainable growth in the Mineral Resource base and the extended future of Newmarket's flagship operation.

All drill assay intercepts are provided in Table 1 and drill collars in Table 2.

Lower Phoenix South (6200mN) Surface Drill Program

Drilling activities commenced from surface drilling locations in August 2015 (Figure 1) as part of a detailed program targeting the down-plunge extensions of the Lower Phoenix system. The program comprises one parent hole and four daughter holes totaling approximately 3,300m at a cost of approximately \$515,000. The target drill intercept positions lie approximately 200m south of existing Mineral Resources and 370m south of existing Mineral Reserves. Results of 12.75 g/t Au over 5.9m (ETW 4.5m) in hole SPD614C highlight the potential for additional Mineral Resource growth a significant distance from the current mining areas. This latest result supports the previously reported drill intercept of 4.43g/t Au over 8.0m (ETW 6.1m) in hole SPD567B on 6075mN (Figure 2) These new drill intercepts are associated with Lower Phoenix Footwall westerly dipping faults adjacent to the Lower Phoenix Fault, and are seen as a significant future mining area down-plunge.

Lower Phoenix North (7950mN and 7850mN) Surface Drill Programs

The Lower Phoenix North (7950mN) surface drill program was designed to target the up-plunge extension of the Lower Phoenix system (Figures 1 & 2). The program, which commenced in September 2015 and was completed in January 2016, comprised

four holes for a total of 2,580m at a cost of approximately \$545,000. Previous drilling also exists on northings 8200mN and 7700mN and the results in the 7950mN program of 12.5 g/t Au over 3.35m (ETW 2.4m) in hole SPD615A and 9.28 g/t Au over 3.35m (ETW 3.1m) in hole SPD615 highlight the potential to increase Mineral Resources in this area.

Gold mineralization present on 8200mN includes 6.52 g/t Au over 6.0m (ETW 4.2m) in hole UDE091 and 4.73 g/t Au over 7.9m (ETW 5.7m) in hole UDE090 and on 7700mN includes 3.2 g/t Au over 6.5m (ETW 6.5m) in hole SPD609A and 2.19 g/t Au over 5.3m (ETW 5.1m) in hole SPD609. This drilling has shown the continuity of mineralization between the 7700mN and 8200mN sections is supported by these latest results.

After the success of the drilling on the 7950mN section a decision was made to commence a drill program at a cost of \$600,000 on the 7850mN section. This drill program is currently underway and is an important development for the Fosterville Gold Mine as a successful outcome would support an alternate mining front allowing for greater flexibility in future mining plans.

Harrier Drill Drive Development

Development of a drill drive west from the Harrier Decline commenced in Q4 2015 and when complete will establish a drill platform to allow testing of the Fosterville mineralization corridor approximately 1000m down-plunge southwards of current Mineral Reserves (Figures 1 and 2).

A total of 243m of development is now complete and approximately 257m of further development is planned to be constructed in the first half of 2016. The total development cost is estimated to be approximately \$2.7M. Commencement of exploration drilling from the Harrier drill drive is planned for Q3 2016. The Harrier drill drive development will provide a future opportunity for extension in a northerly direction to explore resource potential towards the current mining areas of Phoenix and Lower Phoenix.

To view a PDF of the tables and figures as referenced in this press release please go to the following link:
http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/NG_Tables_1_and_2_Figures_1_and_2.pdf

Qualified Person

Mark Edwards, MAusIMM (CP), MAIG, General Manager, Exploration, Newmarket Gold, is a "qualified person" as such term is defined in National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical information and data included in this News Release.

QAQC information is provided at the bottom of Table 1.

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About Newmarket Gold Inc.

Newmarket Gold is a Canadian-listed gold mining and exploration company with three 100% owned operating mines across Australia. The Company is focused on creating substantial shareholder value by maintaining a strong foundation of quality gold production, over 200,000 ounces annually, generating free cash flow and maintaining a large resource base as it executes a clearly defined gold asset consolidation strategy. The Company is focused on sustainable operating performance, a disciplined approach to growth, and building gold reserves and resources while maintaining the high standards that the Newmarket Gold core values represent.

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