



DRILLING COMPLETION & PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ST PIERRE GOLD PROJECT

The Board of Variscan Mines Limited ("Variscan" or the "Company") (ASX:VAR), is pleased to advise the successful completion of the drill programme at the Company's wholly owned St Pierre gold project in the Brittany region, France.

Highlights:

-  **Two diamond core holes completed at Ville Tirard prospect**
-  **15 Reverse Circulation ("RC") holes drilled in two traverses across Belleville prospect**
-  **241 samples have been sent to ALS Geochemistry for assay analysis**
-  **Further 165 samples to be sent to ALS shortly**

Stewart Dickson, CEO, said, "We are pleased to have successfully completed the planned drilling campaign at St Pierre. I would like to thank the team for working hard to achieve this milestone. We eagerly await assay results which we hope will confirm some promising preliminary observations at Belleville."

Ville Tirard

Objectives

The objective of the diamond drilling was to attempt to locate and sample the mineralized zones as intersected in previous shallow drilling completed in 1952 at the western end of the La Belliere mine shear. Two holes for a total of 244.5 metres were completed.

Preliminary Observations

Both holes intersected strongly silicified and sheared volcanics with intermittent zones containing disseminated iron sulphides indicating that the drilling has successfully intersected the La Belliere mine shear. Zones containing intense quartz veining and base metal sulphides were not recorded indicating that the Variscan work may not yet have located the high grade mineralization as defined in 1952 and that further drilling across the thick shear system may be required.

Assays

A total of 241 samples from these holes have been submitted to ALS Laboratory in Ireland. Assay results will be announced shortly.

Belleville

Objectives

The objective of the RC drill programme was to define the hard rock source of a strong gold geochemical anomaly identified from previous rock chip and soil sampling.

A total of 15 RC holes were successfully completed over the Belleville prospect for 923 metres.

Preliminary Observations

Altered quartz-veined and sulphide-bearing greywackes were intersected in some holes, analogous to units believed to host the gold deposits within the La Belliere Mine approximately 1 kilometre to the north. Some holes have recorded quartz veining with visually identified disseminated base metal sulphides (chalcopyrite+-sphalerite+-galena), which are commonly associated with high grade gold mineralization at La Belliere.

Assays

165 samples have been prepared in the south France facility and will be shipped to ALS shortly. In addition, sampled intervals from later drilling that appear to have encouraging veining and mineralogical characteristics will be prioritised for fast-track sample preparation and ALS analysis.

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Greg Jones, BSc (Hons), who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Jones is a Director of Variscan Mines Limited and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to 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". Mr Jones consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.