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## IMPROVED RECOVERIES AND PRODUCTION AT SANTA BARBARA GOLD PROJECT COLOMBIA

### Highlights

- Gold recoveries in January have improved significantly from 70% in December to >85%
- For the second consecutive month, the smaller, more cohesive mining team at Santa Barbara has achieved higher grade recoveries and increased total gold production from trial mining processing less tonnes and with lower head grades than in any of the prior six months (table 1)
- Revenue from gold sales in line with previous month due to processing of lower grade material. Expected to increase in coming months as grades improve
- The objective in February is to mine more selectively and not dilute the higher grade ore as opposed to continuing to process the remaining part of the stockpile mined by the previous team that was lower grade and diluted
- Exploration work at Santa Barbara has continued to identify new zones of interest – update is pending

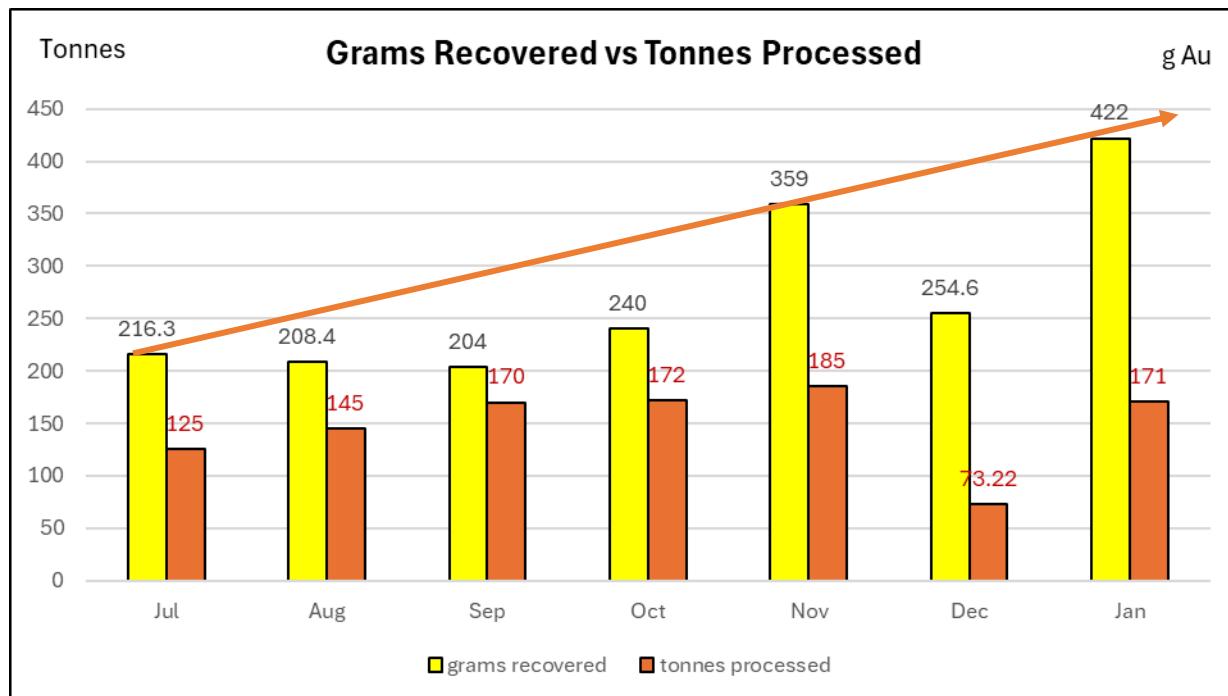
Managing Director **Timothy Hosking** said: "For the second consecutive month, the team at Santa Barbara has delivered improved recoveries and increased gold production, primarily using the existing low to medium grade stockpiles. Small-scale mining activities resumed late in January, creating high expectations for further improvements in recovery rate, high grades and production volumes over the coming months. Whilst revenue is still relatively modest, it continues to improve under a smaller, focused team and our objective is to continue on this trajectory.

"As well, we have continued to focus on exploration activities to identify new areas of interest. An extensive sampling interpretation program has been completed with more assays results. Proving up a broader mineralised system at Santa Barbara is a key focus for the team in Colombia and we anticipate reporting this shortly."

### Operational Summary

In January, a smaller team kept on-site operations going by working with low-grade stockpiled material gathered in October and November. This material, which had been set aside because of its lower grade—the SGS lab reports show average head grades of 4.25 g/t Au—was processed using the same methods as in the initial trial mining prior to the Andean acquisition. The team also extracted about 15 tons of ore from leftover areas within the stopes; these zones are now being reviewed for future mining plans and strategies.

For the second consecutive month, recoveries per ton demonstrated improvement relative to the six months prior to December. All activities were executed in batches, strictly following protocols established by former operator with successful recoveries, while tunnel care and maintenance continued without interruption. Notably, the final batch processed in January achieved recoveries exceeding 85%, marking a significant milestone. Gold at Santa Barbara is very fine (>85% gold particles <75µm) requiring tight controls in ball mill grinding and longer times in a two- cyanide leaching cycle. The next steps will transition from batch operations to a fully mechanized, continuous plant process.



*Table 1: Gold produced during the past 7 months plant test work*

The facility has undergone testing at its maximum processing capacity and is capable of handling up to 220 tons of ore per month with the current batch processing configuration. For optimal profitability in 2026, it is essential to strategically select high-grade vein material from the tunnel, thereby ensuring that the ore delivered to the plant consistently maintains head grades exceeding 10 g/t Au.

In February, Aguia plans to concentrate on selectively mining high-grade veins while upgrading the crushing section to achieve full mechanization. This approach will reduce manual labour and allow a targeted extraction of specific vein material from the tunnel, ultimately aiming to maximize plant capacity under the batch processing schedule.

The company has also entered into an agreement with the reputable smelter, Colombian Mint and its processing facility near Remedios (Antioquia), to conduct a 100-ton trial under optimal conditions sometime in the near future. This initiative aims to maintain a streamlined on-site workforce while improving metallurgical processes and preparing for future continuous operations at higher throughput levels. In February, the company will assess the feasibility of extracting ore from the existing tunnel and if the required head grades are met, the material could be delivered to the third party processing plant for test results.



*Image 1: Carefully selected vein material from Stope #1 being loaded in carts and to be batch processed.*

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### Competent Person

Raul Sanabria, M.Sc., P.Geo., EurGeol., and a Competent/Qualified person ("QP") as defined by Australian JORC (2012 Edition) and Canadian National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this document.

### JORC Code Competent Person Statements:

The technical information contained in this press release has been prepared and reviewed by Raul Sanabria, M. Sc., P.Geo, EurGeol, member in good standing of the APEGBC and EFG, and Qualified Person as described in NI43-101 Canadian Guidelines and Competent Person as described in JORC Guidelines for standards of public reporting technical information relevant to exploration results. Mr Sanabria 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 Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr. Sanabria consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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**JORC TABLE 1 Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<i>Sampling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chip sampling at Santa Barbara was completed at on the underground development works. When vein width wasn't amenable for channel sampling, chip samples are considered representative of existing mineralization for further follow up or for drill target generation.</li> <li>• Underground samples and vein occurrences are georeferenced by a certified surveyor using Leica surveying equipment.</li> <li>• Where possible, systematic channel sampling (using diamond portable saws or percussion methods) was undertaken to cover the full extent of the mineralized zones, including the shoulders, for true widths and representativity of the mineralized zones. Samples are collected, described and recorded in a digital database.</li> </ul>
<i>Drilling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration diamond drilling with HQ diameter with Hydracore 4000 drilling equipment was performed at the Santa Barbara project starting May, 2025 with a 1.5m core barrel for improved recoveries.</li> </ul>
<i>Drill sample recovery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core was geotechnically assessed for recovery and fracturing (RQD). The rock is competent, and recoveries overall are &gt;90% in mineralized zones.</li> </ul>
<i>Logging</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core is logged, photographed, and recorded in digital format, later integrated into a GIS platform for further mining studies, modeling and interpretation.</li> <li>• Each tray of drill core is photographed (wet and dry) after it is fully marked up for sampling and cutting.</li> <li>• The ½ core cutting line is placed at the orientation line so the orientation line is retained in the core tray for future work.</li> <li>• Geological logging of drill core includes the following parameters: Rock types, Lithology Alteration Structural information (orientations of veins, bedding, fractures using standard alpha-beta measurements from orientation line; or, in the case of un-oriented parts of the core, the alpha angles are measured) Veining (quartz, carbonate, Chlorite, Sericite) Key minerals and visible gold when noted.</li> <li>• Logging is fully quantitative, although the description of lithology and alteration relies on visible observations by trained geologists.</li> </ul>
<i>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sample processing of all projects has been supervised by a Qualified Person/Competent Person (QP). Control blanks and commercial certified (CDN Labs or similar) standard samples are inserted in the sequence of sampling following a strict chain of custody and QA/QC protocols.</li> <li>• Samples are sent to certified mineral assay laboratories (SGS) for Au-Ag Fire Assay (30g-50g) with gravity ore grade finish for samples returning over limits (&gt;10,000 ppm Au or 100 ppm Ag) for testing.</li> </ul>

<i>Sub-Sampling Techniques and Sample Preparation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> <li>Sample sizes are maximised for coarse gold by using half core, and using quarter core and half core splits (laboratory duplicates) allows an estimation of nugget effect.</li> <li>In mineralised rock the company uses approximately 10% of ¼ core duplicates, certified reference materials (suitable OREAS materials), laboratory sample duplicates and instrument repeats.</li> </ul>
<i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The data recorded in digital format is validated and later integrated into a GIS platform for modeling and interpretation. Review of the blank and standard samples for data accuracy and lab control are done as routine checks. Assay results are cross referenced with described mineralized zones, and anomalous and atypical results cross checked with core intervals inadvertently missed or new styles of mineralization detected.</li> <li>Visual inspection of drill intersections matches the both the geological descriptions in the database and the expected assay data.</li> <li>In addition, on receipt of results Company geologists assess the gold results to verify that the intersections returned expected data.</li> <li>The electronic data storage in the database is of a high standard. Primary logging data are entered directly by the geologists and field technicians and the assay data are electronically matched against sample number on return from the laboratory.</li> <li>Certified reference materials, ¼ core field duplicates (FDUP), laboratory splits and duplicates and instrument repeats are all recorded in the database.</li> </ul>
<i>Location of data points</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Channel samples are surveyed with a total station by certified land surveyor. Location is presented in both UTM WGS85 18N or CTM12 Colombian Local Coordinate systems (MAGNA Sirgas).</li> </ul>
<i>Data spacing and distribution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling spacing for this stage of exploration and delineation is deemed sufficient and it warrants follow up work.</li> <li>The data spacing is suitable for reporting of exploration results – evidence for this is based on the improving predictability of high grade gold-antimony intersections.</li> <li>At this time the data spacing and distribution are not sufficient for the reporting of Mineral Resource Estimates. This however may change as knowledge of grade controls increase with future drill programs.</li> <li>Sample compositing has been applied to the reporting of underground channel sampling results.</li> </ul>

<i>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holes were surveyed using downhole probes (Mag-cruiser) at regular 25m intervals for dip and azimuth corrections at depth.</li> <li>• Holes are also oriented with Core-Master for accurate core orientation. True width is reported whenever possible based on the angle between the vein boundary and the oriented core referenced axis, otherwise it is stated with a cautionary note indicating there is an apparent width for the interval reported.</li> <li>• The true thickness of the mineralised intervals reported are interpreted to be approximately 60-70% of the sampled thickness.</li> </ul>
<i>Sample security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sample processing and protocols of all projects have been designed and supervised by a Qualified Person/Competent Person (QP), following standard QA/QC protocols and a strict chain of custody.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	Explanation
<i>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Santa Barbara property is held by Aguaia and is 100% owned by mining titles in the name of the 100% controlled Colombian subsidiary company Minera La Fortuna SAS.</li> <li>There are no impediments as the property has a valid Mining, Environmental and Social License. There is</li> </ul>
<i>Exploration done by other parties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling and technical/legal information from previous exploration completed on the property by previous operators Malabar Gold Corp. and Baroyeca Gold &amp; Silver Inc. is acknowledged and deemed reliable as it followed the standards of public reporting issuers and QA/QC protocols supervised by certified Qualified Persons.</li> </ul>
<i>Geology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit type at Santa Barbara is described as Mesothermal gold vein system with later epithermal Au-Pb-Zn overprint mineralization.</li> </ul>
<i>Drill hole Information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The former Competent Person is also Aguaia's current competent person that planned, executed and validated the results reported previously. There are no material changes from then to now.</li> </ul>
<i>Data aggregation methods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The kind of mineralization explored at this early stage requires the aggregation of intercepts and areas of economic mineralization. The mineralized intercepts are individually reported with individual assay results for further interpretation.</li> </ul>
<i>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>True width is reported whenever possible based on the angle observed between the vein boundary and the Channel sample axis, otherwise is stated with a cautionary note indicating there is an apparent width for the interval reported.</li> </ul>
<i>Diagrams</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See maps and figures in the report</li> </ul>
<i>Balanced reporting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All sampling results (low and high grades) are currently being reported and are representative of preventing misleading interpretation.</li> </ul>
<i>Other substantive exploration data</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 2/3 of the property remains unexplored with modern techniques and is recommended to continue surface prospecting and reconnaissance work.</li> </ul>
<i>Further work</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At Aguaia's project portfolio, all projects warrant further exploration. The projects can be categorized as early exploration projects but considering the amount of untested exposed mineralised showings at depth, next to and in trend with the currently developed ones on each of the projects, there is a high-upside potential for further discoveries.</li> </ul>

### **Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources**

There are no Mineral Resource Estimates on any of Aguia's Colombian Projects.