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High Desert Gold Corporation to Initiate Drill Program on the San Antonio Gold Property in Sonora, Mexico

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High Desert Gold Corporation (“HDG” or the “Company”) is initiating a Phase I drill program at the Company’s 100%-owned San Antonio gold property in Sonora state, Mexico, and anticipates having the drill rig onsite by February 15. The 1,500-metre reverse-circulation drill program is planned to test both high-grade structural targets and bulk targets associated with stratigraphically controlled gold mineralization.

The drill program will test approximately 2,000 metres of strike on the main structural zone, in addition to several stratigraphic units thought to represent bulk gold targets. For a summary of the strong initial exploration results achieved by Company geologists at the 4,230-hectare San Antonio property, please see the Company’s news release dated May 19, 2010. In addition, newly discovered areas demonstrate much more extensive mineralization than had been previously identified and will be tested in the upcoming drill program as well.

Ralph Fitch, President and CEO, stated, “We are very excited about this drilling campaign. The exploration work-ups leading to drill target definition have been very extensive. This little-known project area holds very significant potential. The developing evidence that gold mineralization is disseminated through sandstone and carbonate units rather than just within structures significantly increases the potential of the property and this drilling program.”

Recent mapping and sampling have expanded the drill targets at San Antonio. This work has shown that there are both structural and stratigraphic controls on the gold mineralization within the area of historic mining and in newly identified areas located 600 metres to the northeast where gold values up to 7.74 gpt gold have been obtained within chip samples and 1,000 metres to the northwest where samples of up to 2.45 gpt gold have been obtained.

Gold mineralization has now been identified in several sandstone and carbonate units as well as within both high- and low-angle structures.

The San Antonio property was the focus of both historic small-scale underground mining at the turn of the century and a small surface excavation which was completed within the past 20 years. The most recent surface excavation consists of a cut approximately 110 metres long, 5-10 metres wide and 10-30 metres deep that has been sampled by the Company. Sampling within the excavation has produced excellent results previously reported in HDG PR10-10, May 19, 2010, some of which are summarized below:

Sample Number	Sample type/length	Sample Description	Gold (gpt)	Silver (gpt)
73897	7.6m chip	Silicified siltstones with stringer quartz veins	3.5	22.3
73900	Grab	Skarn, massive black silica with magnetite	7.14	46.8
73949	2.1m chip	Massive silicified sandstone	3.66	119
73950	0.9m chip	Hematite stained clay	2.57	27.7
73951	0.6m chip	Fault zone, gouge+ limestone rock fragments	1.82	14.0
73952	3.1m chip	Gossan	1.71	9.6
73953	0.9m chip	Silicified sandstone with thin quartz veinlets	6.94	31.6
73954	1.22m chip	White vuggy quartz vein with rock fragments	100	70.5
73955	0.9m chip	Hematite stained quartz vein	8.3	491
73956	Grab	Open spaced white quartz	14.05	81.1
122449	1.52m chip	Open spaced quartz within arkosic sandstone	12.45	142
122450	2.74m chip	arkosic sandstone silicification+clay alteration	2.36	6.04
122451	4.57m chip	Silicified arkosic sandstone	2.11	12.25
122452	2.1m chip	Silicified arkosic sandstone	1.65	11.85
122453	2.44m chip	Silicified arkosic sandstone with rare quartz vein	22.3	46.5
122454	2.44m chip	Massive silicified arkosic sandstone	23.7	25.2
122455	2.44m chip	Massive silicified arkosic sandstone	21.3	113
122456	2.13m chip	Massive silicified arkosic sandstone	44.1	160
122457	3.66m chip	Clay altered arkosic sandstone	2.41	44.2
122458	2.74m chip	Clay altered arkosic sandstone	3.44	16.65
122460	2.44m chip	Silicified limestone with quartz veinlets	1.315	6.37
122463	2.44m chip	Silicified limestone with quartz veinlets	3.82	3.42
122464	2.44m chip	Gossan	3.87	18.05
122465	2.44m chip	Silicified limestone with quartz veinlets	3.45	14.75

Sample widths of “vein material” are interpreted to be approximately true widths of the mineralization sampled, whereas other listed samples are interpreted to be part of a larger mineralized interval limited by exposure and so widths may not be representative of the true width.

Historically, the material from the excavation was placed on heaps for leaching with the higher grade material trucked offsite for processing. Bulk sampling by HDG of the material on one of the old leach pads (which appears to have been subjected to leaching) returned average values of 1.8 gpt gold and 35.3 gpt silver. Bulk sampling of a smaller pad, which does not appear to have been subjected to leaching, returned average values of 3.1 gpt gold and 40.4 gpt silver.

Assays in the above table were performed by ALS Chemex (“ALS”) which is an ISO 9001:2000 certified laboratory. Gold was analyzed by the Au-AA23 method, with values >10 gpt re-assayed using Au- GRA21. All other elements were analyzed by the ME-MS41 method. Assays on the most recent chip samples mentioned in the first paragraph from San Antonio were performed by

Inspectorate Laboratories, an ISO 9001:2000 Certified laboratory located in Reno, Nevada. Gold is analyzed by the Au-1AT-AA method that includes 1 assay tonne fire assay with an AA finish. Gold values greater than 2 gpt were re-assayed using the Au-1AT-GV method that includes a 1 assay tonne fire assay with a gravimetric finish.

The San Antonio property consists of 4 concessions acquired through location and purchase by HDG which cover a total of 4,230 hectares.

The Qualified Person on the San Antonio project is Randall Moore, EVP Exploration and a certified professional geologist. He has reviewed the content of this press release. Please see High Desert Gold Corporation's website, www.hdggold.com, for further information on the San Antonio gold project.

ABOUT HIGH DESERT GOLD

The Company is a mineral exploration company that acquires and explores mineral properties, primarily gold, copper and silver, in North America. The major properties held by HDG are the Gold Springs gold project situated along the border between Utah and Nevada and the San Antonio project in Sonora, Mexico. The Company recently completed a financing for gross proceeds of Cdn\$3.0 million and is in the process of initiating drilling programs at San Antonio and, in early spring, at Gold Springs.

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