



Holmer's Timmins Gold Project Advances Towards Mine Development

Step-out Drill Holes Discovered Upward Extension of the Ultramafic Zone

NEWS RELEASE:

Toronto, Ontario, September 18, 2002 – Dr. Sethu Raman, President of **Holmer Gold Mines Limited** [TSXV: HGM] ("Company"), is pleased to announce additional drill results from Holmer's 22-hole drill program at the 100%-owned Timmins Gold Project in Ontario.

The project is strategically located in the Timmins Camp, where more than 70 million ounces of gold have been produced since 1908. The Company believes that the project has the potential to become a mine, because the Timmins mines have excess milling capacity and the mining infrastructure and contractors are well established.

Highlights of the new drilling include the following high grade intersections:

Drill Hole	From(m)	To(m)	Interval (m)	g/t Gold	oz/t Gold	Zone
Hole 02-09	241.53	247.00	5.47	23.90	0.70	Vein 2 *
Hole 02-10	290.95	292.15	1.20	503.84	14.70	Vein 2 *
Hole 02-10	323.40	325.62	2.22	78.81	2.30	Vein 3 *
Hole 02-11	227.90	230.13	2.23	13.07	0.38	Ultramafic Zone
Hole 02-12	216.37	222.75	6.38	13.25	0.39	Vein 3*
Hole 02-14	247.80	279.00	31.20	3.53	0.10	Main Zone *
Hole 02-21	34.23	38.50	4.27	32.83	0.96	Vein 1*

Asterisk * denotes the presence of visible gold in the drill core. The assays for the above zones are uncut. All drill intercepts from 22 shallow fill-in holes including those released on June 27, 2002, will be posted on the Company's web site www.holmergold.com. The drilling focused on the MAIN and FOOTWALL zones and Veins 1, 2 and 3 of the HANGINGWALL zone.

Limited drilling on the Ultramafic zone (UM) confirmed gold mineralization at depths of 175 meters that is similar in character to the high grade intercepts of 1997 discovery hole 97-56 at a vertical depth of about 850 meters. Nine gold intersections were reported of which six were between 6 and 20 g/t gold. The plunge of the zone appears to be 60 to 62 degrees which is consistent with all other known gold zones within the structure.

Overburden stripping partially exposed the UM zone with minor gold values. The main target area for stripping could not be reached due to extensive overburden.

Results to date on UM zone indicate a gap in the plunge length of over 500 meters between the deep and shallow areas of drilling. "This exploration discovery represents a substantial tonnage potential, yet to be tested by further drilling" said Sethu Raman, President and CEO.



The recently completed program was based on the recommendations by Watts, Griffis and McQuat Limited (WGM), an International Engineering Consultants. In 1999, WGM estimated uncut mineral resources based on a cut off grade of 5 g/t gold:

Indicated – 439,000 tonnes 13.97 g/t (484,000 tons at 0.41 oz/t gold)
Inferred – 831,000 tonnes 6.5 g/t (917,000 tons at 0.19 oz/t gold)

The main portion of the indicated resource includes 176,000 tonnes at 28 g/t gold (94,000 tons at 0.82 oz/t) which potentially could be mined via a decline.

Results of this successful program are expected to:

- 1) Confirm and redefine these resource estimates and to provide sufficient data to justify a decline development for mining the high grade portion of the deposit, and
- 2) Confirm the potential to significantly increase the tonnage of the ultramafic (UM) zone above the 800-meter level.

Holmer has engaged the engineering firm WGM Limited of Toronto to update their 1999 report and revise the resource estimates for the project.

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