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Moneta Drills New Gold Discovery at Windjammer

Toronto, Ontario – January 26, 2022 - Moneta Gold Inc. (TSX: ME) (OTCQX: MEAUF) (XETRA: MOP) ("Moneta") is pleased to announce partial assay results from twelve (12) drill holes at Windjammer Central, from the Golden Highway area of the Tower Gold project, located 100 kilometres ("km") east of Timmins, Ontario. The drilling is part of the 2020/2021 72,500 metre ("m") program in 130 drill holes designed to test extensions of the current mineral resource estimate of 4.0 million ("M") ounces indicated gold and 4.4M ounces inferred gold (see February 24, 2021 press release) on the Tower Gold project. Additional holes and assays from this drill program remain pending.

This drilling successfully intersected gold mineralization over a strike length of 1,500 m and a width of 300 m to the north of the Windjammer South open pit gold resource within the Windjammer Central area. Today's results confirm significant extensions of gold mineralization to the current gold resource at Windjammer South in an area with no historical resources.

Highlights from the drilling include:

- MGH21-244 intersected 162.65 m @ 0.64 grams per tonne "g/t" gold "Au", including 30.00 m
 @ 0.91 g/t Au, 6.00 m @ 1.58 g/t Au, and 3.00 m @ 2.19 g/t Au
- MGH21-263 intersected 108.00 m @ 0.70 g/t Au, including 18.00 m @ 1.55 g/t Au, including 2.00 m @ 6.79 g/t Au
- MGH21-259 intersected 96.00 m @ 0.64 g/t Au, including 23.15 m @ 1.09 g/t Au, including 3.00 m @ 2.96 g/t Au
- MGH21-237 intersected 5.00 m @ 3.01 g/t Au, including 1.00 m @ 14.80 g/t Au
- MGH21-237 intersected 105.00 m @ 0.42 g/t Au, including 87.00 m @ 0.50 g/t Au
- MGH21-263 intersected 46.00 m @ 0.44 g/t Au, including 22.00 m @ 0.53 g/t Au, including 2.00 m @ 1.15 g/t Au
- MGH21-244 intersected 37.00 m @ 0.47 g/t Au, including 12.00 m @ 0.94 g/t Au, including 2.00 m @ 2.03 g/t Au and 2.00 m @ 2.02 g/t Au

Gary O'Connor, Moneta's Chief Executive Officer commented, "These latest drill results have confirmed significant gold mineralization in an area not previously drill tested and beyond the current gold resources. The Windjammer Central exploration drilling program was testing for gold mineralization over a large area located within the current economic open pit at Windjammer South, north of the regional Banded Iron Formation, and the new discovery has the potential to significantly improve the economics of the open pit. We look forward to releasing the remaining outstanding drill results when they become available and updating the mineral resource estimate for the Tower Gold project in the first half of 2022."

The latest assay results from the Windjammer Central resource expansion drill program include assay results from twelve (12) new drill holes, for a total of 6,488.0 m. Additional results from these holes are still pending. The drill program was conducted to test a large area to the north of the Windjammer South resource, within the economic open pit in an area with little historical drilling. The Windjammer South

open pit gold deposit currently hosts 1.10 Moz gold at a grade of 0.84 g/t gold in indicated resources and 1.03 Moz at a grade of 1.10 g/t gold in the inferred category at a cut-off grade of 0.30 g/t gold (see <u>December 10, 2020 press release</u>). Full assays from an additional 38 drill holes for 16,401 m from the drill program remain pending.

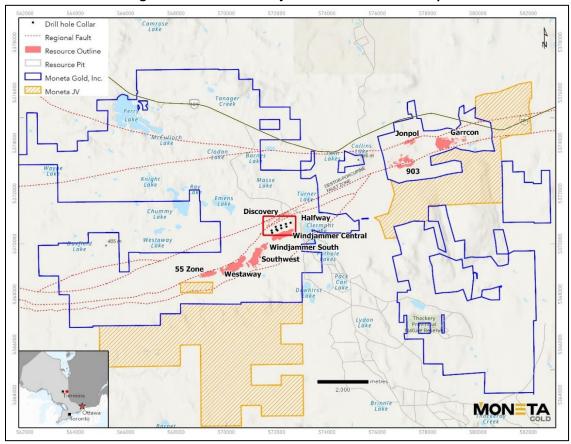


Figure 1: Tower Gold Project: General Location Map

Table 1: Windjammer Central: Selected Significant Drill Results

| Hole | From | То | Length | Au | Gram metres | |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|--|
| (#) | (m) | (m) | (m) | (g/t) | (gxm) | |
| MGH21-237 | 162.00 | 167.00 | 5.00 | 3.01 | 15.1 | |
| includes | 166.00 | 167.00 | 1.00 | 14.80 | 14.8 | |
| MGH21-237 | 231.00 | 262.00 | 31.00 | 0.36 | 11.2 | |
| includes | 231.00 | 234.00 | 3.00 | 1.20 | 3.6 | |
| MGH21-237 | 276.00 | 317.00 | 41.00 | 0.25 | 10.3 | |
| includes | 298.00 | 317.00 | 19.00 | 0.34 | 6.5 | |
| MGH21-237 | 335.00 | 337.00 | 2.00 | 2.56 | 5.1 | |
| MGH21-237 | 370.00 | 475.00 | 105.00 | 0.42 | 44.1 | |
| includes | 388.00 | 475.00 | 87.00 | 0.50 | 43.5 | |
| includes | 436.00 | 452.00 | 16.00 | 0.67 | 10.7 | |
| MGH21-237 | 702.00 | 723.00 | 21.00 | 0.32 | 6.7 | |
| includes | 703.00 | 709.70 | 6.70 | 0.43 | 2.9 | |

| MGH21-242 | 109.00 | 124.00 | 15.00 | 0.42 | 6.3 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|
| includes | 109.00 | 110.50 | 1.50 | 2.35 | 3.5 |
| MGH21-242 | 136.50 | 161.00 | 24.50 | 0.33 | 8.1 |
| MGH21-242 | 241.70 | 253.50 | 11.80 | 0.34 | 4.0 |
| includes | 243.00 | 244.00 | 1.00 | 1.36 | 1.4 |
| MGH21-242 | 494.50 | 573.00 | 78.50 | 0.24 | 18.8 |
| MGH21-243 | 302.00 | 306.00 | 4.00 | 1.13 | 4.5 |
| includes | 305.00 | 306.00 | 1.00 | 3.41 | 3.4 |
| MGH21-243 | 310.00 | 335.00 | 25.00 | 0.29 | 7.3 |
| includes | 310.00 | 321.00 | 11.00 | 0.44 | 4.8 |
| includes | 318.00 | 319.00 | 1.00 | 1.59 | 1.6 |
| MGH21-244 | 330.00 | 492.65 | 162.65 | 0.64 | 104.1 |
| includes | 342.00 | 343.00 | 1.00 | 3.75 | 3.8 |
| and | 383.00 | 413.00 | 30.00 | 0.91 | 27.3 |
| includes | 383.00 | 384.00 | 1.00 | 3.03 | 3.0 |
| and | 419.00 | 427.00 | 8.00 | 1.13 | 9.0 |
| and | 450.00 | 456.00 | 6.00 | 1.58 | 9.5 |
| includes | 453.00 | 456.00 | 3.00 | 2.19 | 6.6 |
| and | 476.00 | 489.00 | 13.00 | 0.91 | 11.8 |
| includes | 488.00 | 489.00 | 1.00 | 2.67 | 2.7 |
| MGH21-244 | 498.00 | 535.00 | 37.00 | 0.47 | 17.4 |
| includes | 515.00 | 527.00 | 12.00 | 0.94 | 11.3 |
| includes | 515.00 | 517.00 | 2.00 | 2.03 | 4.1 |
| and | 525.00 | 527.00 | 2.00 | 2.02 | 4.0 |
| MGH21-264 | 187.50 | 230.00 | 42.50 | 0.31 | 13.2 |
| includes | 192.00 | 216.00 | 24.00 | 0.41 | 9.8 |
| includes | 196.40 | 197.40 | 1.00 | 2.24 | 2.2 |
| MGH21-247 | 608.00 | 619.50 | 11.50 | 0.32 | 3.7 |
| MGH21-258 | 104.00 | 134.00 | 30.00 | 0.26 | 7.8 |
| includes | 105.00 | 122.00 | 17.00 | 0.31 | 5.3 |
| MGH21-259 | 456.00 | 552.00 | 96.00 | 0.64 | 61.4 |
| including | 457.00 | 461.00 | 4.00 | 1.73 | 6.9 |
| and | 473.00 | 496.15 | 23.15 | 1.09 | 25.2 |
| including | 488.00 | 491.00 | 3.00 | 2.96 | 8.9 |
| including | 490.00 | 491.00 | 1.00 | 4.74 | 4.7 |
| MGH21-259 | 533.00 | 552.00 | 19.00 | 0.36 6.8 | |
| MGH21-259 | 589.85 | 602.10 | 12.25 | 0.74 9.1 | |
| MGH21-263 | 174.00 | 220.00 | 46.00 | 0.44 20.2 | |
| includes | 174.00 | 196.00 | 22.00 | 0.53 | 11.7 |
| includes | 182.00 | 184.00 | 2.00 | 1.15 | 2.3 |

| MGH21-263 | 260.00 | 278.00 | 18.00 | 0.35 | 6.3 | |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|--|
| including | 272.00 | 274.00 | 2.00 | 1.68 | 3.4 | |
| MGH21-263 | 320.00 | 428.00 | 108.00 | 0.70 | 75.6 | |
| includes | 346.00 | 402.00 | 56.00 | 1.09 | 61.0 | |
| includes | 356.00 | 374.00 | 18.00 | 1.55 | 27.9 | |
| includes | 368.00 | 374.00 | 6.00 | 2.94 | 17.6 | |
| includes | 368.00 | 370.00 | 2.00 | 6.79 | 13.6 | |
| MGH21-264 | 114.00 | 133.00 | 19.00 | 0.38 | 7.2 | |
| includes | 122.00 | 129.00 | 7.00 | 0.67 | 4.7 | |
| includes | 122.00 | 124.00 | 2.00 | 1.27 | 2.5 | |
| MGH21-266 | 145.00 | 161.00 | 16.00 | 0.40 | 6.4 | |
| including | 154.00 | 156.00 | 2.00 | 1.82 | 3.6 | |

Intercepts are calculated using a 0.20 g/t Au cut-off, a maximum of 3m internal dilution and no top cap applied. Drill intercepts are not true widths, are reported as drill widths, and are estimated to be 80% to 95% of true width.

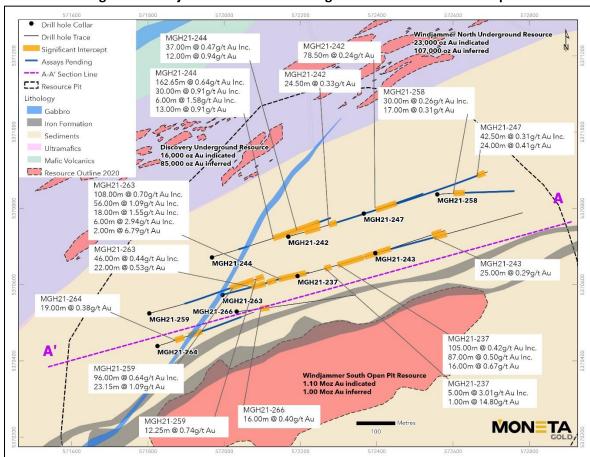


Figure 2: Windjammer Central Drill Program: Drill Hole Location Map

Discussion of Drill Results

Drilling was targeting Timiskaming age clastic sediment hosted gold mineralized stacked quartz veins north of the Windjammer South resource in the new Windjammer Central discovery area located immediately north of the regional Banded Iron Formation "A" ("BIF A") unit and south of previous drilling. The drilling was testing a large area within the Windjammer economic open pit in an area not previously

drill tested and not currently in any resource category. The Windjammer South deposit occurs as the largest open pit gold resource of the Tower Gold project.

Drill results from the current program at Windjammer Central confirmed the occurrence of generally shallow west dipping stacked quartz vein sets and associated ankerite-albite-sericite-pyrite alteration haloes in large step-outs beyond the current gold resource and south of previous drilling at Windjammer Central. The latest assay results confirmed gold mineralization over an area 1,500 m long, 300 m wide, and down to depths of over 400 m. Additional results from the Windjammer Central and South resource expansion drilling program are pending.

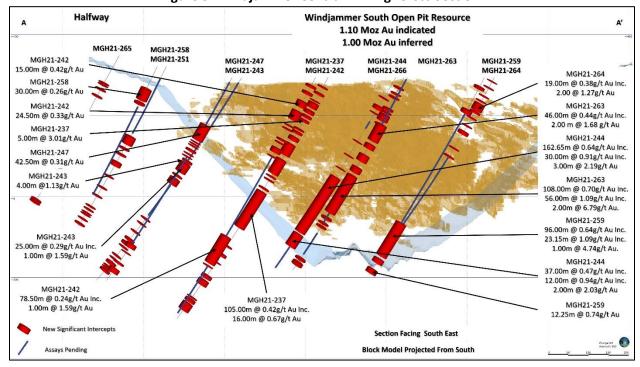


Figure 3: Windjammer Central Drilling- Cross Section

Table 3: New Drill Hole Details: Windjammer Central

| Hole | Easting | Northing | Elevation | Azimuth | Inclination | Depth |
|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| (#) | (mE) | (mN) | (masl) | (°) | (°) | (m) |
| MGH21-237 | 572192 | 5370622 | 334 | 75 | -60 | 750.0 |
| MGH21-242 | 572168 | 5370726 | 336 | 75 | -60 | 705.0 |
| MGH21-243 | 572396 | 5370682 | 351 | 75 | -60 | 675.0 |
| MGH21-244 | 571968 | 5370672 | 334 | 75 | -60 | 600.0 |
| MGH21-247 | 572366 | 5370786 | 346 | 75 | -60 | 645.0 |
| MGH21-251 | 572593 | 5370731 | 373 | 85 | -61 | 501.0 |
| MGH21-258 | 572559 | 5370836 | 364 | 84 | -60 | 405.0 |
| MGH21-259 | 571803 | 5370525 | 333 | 75 | -60 | 606.0 |
| MGH21-263 | 571995 | 5370573 | 334 | 75 | -60 | 453.0 |
| MGH21-264 | 571825 | 5370439 | 333 | 75 | -60 | 501.0 |
| MGH21-265 | 572689 | 5370835 | 346 | 80 | -60 | 428.0 |
| MGH21-266 | 572032 | 5370529 | 335 | 85 | -60 | 600.0 |

Assay results for the reported holes are not complete. Additional assay results from drill holes will be released upon receipt

QA/QC Procedures

Drill core is oriented and cut with half sent to AGAT Laboratories Inc. (AGAT) for drying and crushing to -2 mm, with a 1.00 kg split pulverized to -75 μ m (200#). AGAT is an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. A 50 g charge is Fire Assayed and analyzed using an AAS finish for Gold. Samples above 10.00 g/t Au are analyzed by Fire Assay with a gravimetric finish and selected samples with visible gold or high-grade mineralization are assayed by Metallic Screen Fire Assay on a 1.00 kg sample. Moneta inserts independent certified reference material and blanks with the samples and assays routine pulp repeats and coarse reject sample duplicates, as well as completing routine third-party check assays at Activation Laboratories Ltd. Randall Salo, P.Geo. is a qualified person under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical contents of this press release.

About Moneta

Moneta is a Canadian based gold exploration company focussed on advancing its 100% wholly owned Tower Gold project, which currently hosts a gold mineral resource estimate of 4.0M ounces indicated and 4.4M ounces inferred. The Company's 2020/2021 drill program was designed to test extensions of mineralization and expand the current mineral resource. An updated mineral resource estimate and Preliminary Economic Assessment study encompassing the entire Tower Gold Project will be announced in the first half of 2022. Moneta is committed to creating shareholder value through the strategic allocation of capital and a focus on the current resource expansion drilling program, while conducting all business activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

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