# Scorpio Gold H1 production up 7%, maintains production forecast for 2015

**Scorpio Gold {TSX.V: SGN}** exceeded 2015 production expectations by reporting a 7% increase on last year's H1 production at Mineral Ridge, Nevada.

Scorpio maintain production guidance for 2015.

#### Comment

A tidy first half of 2015, and Scorpio, always a conservative company, increased production by 7% compared to the same period last year.

They maintain their guidance for 2015, which is positive enough. and one wonders whether they haven't got half an eye on exceeding that forecast, but prefer not to say just yet?

New production from various pits is due online, and they have the option of shipping the high grade ore to their mill at Gold Wedge for grinding prior to placing on the heap leach pad, a process that increases recovery by a healthy margin.

#### News release.

Vancouver, July 14, 2015 — **Scorpio Gold Corporation {TSX.V: SGN}** announces its operating results for the second quarter ("Q2") of 2015 at its 70% owned Mineral Ridge project, located in Nevada.

Production at Mineral Ridge in Q2 of 2015 totalled 8,738 ounces of gold and 3,591 ounces of silver. Total gold

production for the first half of 2015 now stands at 20,690 ounces, an increase of 7% from H1 of 2014.

The Company's 2015 production forecast remains unchanged at 40,000 to 45,000 ounces of gold (as reported in the Company's March 11, 2015 news release).

Peter J. Hawley, President & CEO, comments, "We are pleased to report another solid quarter of production at Mineral Ridge. While continuing to cycle through lower-grade material in the Mary pit, our gold production continues to be aided by the drawdown of ounces from the leach pad inventory and by ongoing efforts to re-slope the periphery of the leach pad to bring previously un-leached material under leach. We confirm our guidance of 40,000 to 45,000 ounces gold production at Mineral Ridge in 2015."

Production in 2015 is scheduled from the Mary and Mary LC pits, and from the Wedge, Bluelite, Solberry and Brodie satellite pits. Open pit mining at the Solberry deposit commenced in Q2 2015. Pre-production development work at the Bluelite deposit is in progress with open pit production scheduled to commence in Q3 2015. The Bluelite and Solberry deposits have not been subject to any prior mining campaigns, hence their high-grade core zones are preserved and expected to positively impact the grade of ore being processed at both the Mineral Ridge operation and the Goldwedge mill facility, to which higher-grade ore from Mineral Ridge is shipped on an as-needed basis.

# **Key Operating Statistics**

|                   |          | Three Months Ending Jun<br>30 |      |        | Six Months Ending Jun 30 |      |        |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------|--------|--------------------------|------|--------|
|                   |          | 2015                          | 2014 | Change | 2015                     | 2014 | Change |
| Mining operations |          |                               |      |        |                          |      |        |
|                   | Mary pit |                               |      |        |                          |      |        |

| Total mining operations   |               |          |         |               |               |         |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Total mined               | 1,244,1<br>47 | 418,077  | 197.6%  | 2,087,57      | 675,473       | 209.1%  |
| Waste tonnes<br>mined     | 1,190,8<br>83 | 411,162  | 189.6%  | 1,995,43<br>2 | 668,558       | 198.5%  |
| Ore tonnes mined          | 53,264        | 6,915    | 670.3%  | 92,146        | 6,915         | 1232.6% |
| Pits under<br>development |               |          |         |               |               |         |
| Strip Ratio               | 3.1           | 3.8      | -18.4%  | 4.3           | 3.6           | 19.4%   |
| Total mined               | 546,614       | 1,184,09 | -53.8%  | 1,639,98<br>0 | 2,245,38<br>5 | -27.0%  |
| Waste tonnes<br>mined     | 412,225       | 938,815  | -56.1%  | 1,329,55<br>4 | 1,752,40<br>9 | -24.1%  |
| Ore tonnes mined          | 134,389       | 245,276  | -45.2%  | 310,426       | 492,976       | -37.0%  |
| Total producing pits      |               |          |         |               |               |         |
| Strip Ratio               | _             | 2.0      | -100.0% | _             | 2.3           | -100.09 |
| Total mined               | _             | 492,186  | -100.0% | _             | 1,045,37<br>1 | -100.09 |
| Waste tonnes<br>mined     | _             | 326,304  | -100.0% | -             | 724,537       | -100.0º |
| Ore tonnes mined          | _             | 165,882  | -100.0% | _             | 320,834       | -100.0º |
| Drinkwater pit            |               |          |         |               |               |         |
| Strip Ratio               | 2.0           | _        | 100.0%  | 2.5           | _             | 100.0%  |
| Total mined               | 169,567       | _        | 100.0%  | 399,992       | _             | 100.0%  |
| Waste tonnes mined        | 113,521       | _        | 100.0%  | 285,873       | _             | 100.0%  |
| Ore tonnes mined          | 56,046        | _        | 100.0%  | 114,119       | _             | 100.0%  |
| Satellite pits            |               |          |         |               |               |         |
| Strip Ratio               | 3.8           | 7.7      | -50.6%  | 5.3           | 6.0           | -11.7%  |
| Total mined               | 377,047       | 691,905  | -45.5%  | 1,239,98      | 1,200,01      | 3.3%    |
| Waste tonnes mined        | 298,704       | 612,511  | -51.2%  | 1,043,68<br>1 | 1,027,87      | 1.5%    |
| Ore tonnes mined          | 78,343        | 79,394   | -1.3%   | 196,307       | 172,142       | 14.0%   |

|            | Ore tonnes mined   | 187,653       | 252,191       | -25.6% | 402,572       | 499,891       | -19.5% |
|------------|--|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
|            | Waste tonnes<br>mined  | 1,603,1<br>08 | 1,349,97<br>7 | 18.8%  | 3,324,98<br>6 | 2,420,96<br>7 | 37.3%  |
|            | Total mined  | 1,790,7<br>61 | 1,602,16      | 11.8%  | 3,727,55<br>8 | 2,920,85      | 27.6%  |
| Processing |  |               |               |        |               |               |        |
|            | Tonnes processed   | 194,651       | 247,073       | -21.2% | 413,023       | 491,846       | -16.0% |
|            | Gold head grade<br>(g/t)                                     | 1.37          | 1.80          | -23.9% | 1.39          | 1.87          | -25.7% |
|            | Tonnes milled at<br>Goldwedge<br>facility                    | _             | _             | _      | 1,392         | _             | 100.0% |
|            | Gold head grade<br>(g/t)                                     | _             | _             | _      | 8.87          | _             | 100.0% |
|            | Ounces produced  |               |               |        |               |               |        |
|            | Gold   | 8,738         | 9,034         | -3.3%  | 20,690        | 19,328        | 7.0%   |
|            | Silver   | 3,591         | 3,771         | -4.8%  | 9,910         | 8,884         | 11.5%  |
|            | Recoverable <sup>(1)</sup> gold<br>(ounces) placed<br>on pad | 5,769         | 9,297         | -37.9% | 12,428        | 19,263        | -35.5% |

<sup>(1)</sup> A weighted average metallurgical recovery factor has been applied to the estimated contained ounces crushed and placed on the leach pad based on the pit from which the ore was mined.

## About Scorpio Gold

Scorpio Gold holds a 70% interest in the producing Mineral Ridge gold mining operation located in Esmeralda County, Nevada with joint venture partner Waterton Global Value L.P. (30%), and Scorpio Gold is currently entitled to receive 80% of cash flow generated. Mineral Ridge is a conventional open pit mining and heap leach operation. The Mineral Ridge property is host to multiple gold-bearing structures, veins and lenses at exploration, development and production stages. Scorpio Gold also holds a 100% interest in the advanced exploration-stage Goldwedge property in Manhattan, Nevada,

with a fully permitted underground mine and 400 ton per day mill facility. The Company has completed its 2015 underground drilling program at Goldwedge (results are pending) and is processing high-grade Mineral Ridge ore at the Goldwedge plant on an as needed basis.

Scorpio Gold's President & CEO, Peter J. Hawley, PGeo,, is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the content of this release.

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