

## **Spanish Mountain Gold Drilling Intersects 205.87 Metres Grading 0.58 G/T Gold, 142.00 Metres of 0.77 G/T Gold, and 69.40 Metres of 0.99 G/T Gold in Three Separate Drill Holes Containing Numerous Higher-Grade Sub-Intervals**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 26, 2026--Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. (the "Company" or "Spanish Mountain Gold") (TSX-V: SPA) (FSE: S3Y) (OTCQB: SPAUF) is pleased to report additional assay results from five exploration drill holes within the Orca Fault target trend that were completed as part of its 2025 Fall Diamond Drill program ("2025 Fall Drill Program") for the Spanish Mountain Gold ("SMG") project, which is located in the Cariboo Gold Corridor, British Columbia, Canada.

The company has completed approximately 13,819 metres ("m"), surpassing the original estimate of drilling of 9,000 to 10,000 m of exploration drilling planned under the 2025 Fall Drill Program, now continuing into 2026. Assays and geochemistry are pending receipt from the laboratory and or reporting from seven additional drill holes completed within the Orca Fault target area.

### **Highlights:**

- 26-DH-1328 intersected two intervals of gold mineralization including:
  - **205.87 m** of **0.58 g/t** gold from 10.13 m including **47.00 m** of **1.19 g/t** gold with a high-grade subset of **14.50 m** of **2.22 g/t** gold; and
  - **58.00 m** of **0.52 g/t** gold from 290.00 m including **10.34 m** of **1.31 g/t** gold.
- 26-DH-1329 intersected three intervals of gold mineralization including:
  - **142.00 m** of **0.77 g/t** gold from 9.00 m including **53.00 m** of **0.88 g/t** gold with a high-grade subset of **23.50 m** of **1.57 g/t** gold;
  - **19.50 m** of **0.69 g/t** gold from 213.50 m including **1.50 m** of **6.16 g/t** gold; and
  - **7.50 m** of **0.88 g/t** gold from 247.50 m including **0.70 m** of **8.17 g/t** gold
- 26-DH-1331A intersected **69.40 m** of **0.99 g/t** gold from 50.60 m including **19.50 m** of **1.86 g/t** gold

### **Key Findings:**

- Current exploration drilling assay results continues to intersect significant higher-grade gold mineralization over 530 m in strike length in the Orca Fault target area trend (Figure 3) and the continuity can now be traced across multiple parallel, adjacent drill sections over 200 m in width.

### **Main Deposit – Orca Fault area**

Five additional drill holes were collared and successfully completed (see Figure 3) in the Orca Fault target area, 26-DH-1328 (Figure 1 and Table 1), 26-DH-1329 (Figure 2 and Table 2), 26-DH-1330 (Figure 1 and Table 3), and 26-DH-1331A (Figure 2 and Table 4), and 26-DH-1332 (Figure 1 and Table 5). These drill holes continue to confirm and lend confidence to the extent of the Orca Fault target area over 530 m strike length, northwest to southeast, and its geological and

structural interpretation within the constraining open pit for the MRE (see July 3, 2025 news release).

The continued intersection of broad zones of higher-grade gold mineralization, such as the thick intersection of gold mineralization in drill hole 26-DH-1328 (Figure 1 and Table 1) reinforces the opportunities for not only enhancing the Orca Fault target understanding but developing favorable structures outward into other areas of the Main deposit while exploring for higher-grade gold mineralization in the near surface, open pit environment, as defined in the recent MRE (see July 3, 2025 news release). Drill hole 26-DH-1328 intersected 205.87 m of 0.58 g/t gold from 10.13 m including 47.00 m of 1.19 g/t gold with a high-grade subset of 14.50 m of 2.22 g/t gold.

All results to date continue to reinforce that tighter exploration drill spacing is unlocking additional mineral potential in the Main deposit as drilling systematically works outward from the Orca Fault target, tracking the higher-grade gold mineralization. These exploration drill holes are presented on drill sections (Figure 1 and Figure 2) that shows the alignment of the higher-grade gold mineralization.

**Table 1: Assay Results for 26-DH-1328**

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
26-DH-1328	10.13	216.00	205.87	0.58	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	10.13	92.50	82.37	0.76	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	44.00	91.00	47.00	1.19	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	72.00	91.00	19.00	1.90	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	72.00	86.50	14.50	2.22	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	106.00	125.50	19.50	1.55	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	106.00	110.00	4.00	3.10	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	125.00	125.50	0.50	26.40	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	207.00	212.00	5.00	0.87	<i>Note 3)</i>
	249.00	250.00	1.00	1.75	<i>Note 3)</i>
	269.95	276.50	6.55	0.67	<i>Note 3)</i>
	290.00	348.00	58.00	0.52	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	314.00	324.34	10.34	1.31	<i>Note 3)</i>
	382.00	388.00	6.00	0.32	<i>Note 3)</i>

**Table 2: Assay Results for 26-DH-1329**

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
26-DH-1329	9.00	151.00	142.00	0.77	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	49.00	74.00	25.00	1.68	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	49.00	60.00	11.00	2.95	<i>Note 3)</i>

Including	98.00	151.00	53.00	0.88	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	127.50	151.00	23.50	1.57	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	127.50	137.15	9.65	2.65	<i>Note 3)</i>
	213.50	233.00	19.50	0.69	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	228.50	230.00	1.50	6.16	<i>Note 3)</i>
	247.50	255.00	7.50	0.88	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	247.50	248.20	0.70	8.17	<i>Note 3)</i>

**Table 3: Assay Results for 26-DH-1330**

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
26-DH-1330	9.50	38.00	28.50	0.31	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	34.00	38.00	4.00	1.05	<i>Note 3)</i>
	63.00	137.60	74.60	0.59	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	70.00	81.46	11.46	1.46	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	104.34	118.25	13.91	1.14	<i>Note 3)</i>
	177.63	180.00	2.37	0.42	<i>Note 3)</i>
	190.35	211.00	20.65	0.33	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	190.35	192.00	1.65	1.92	<i>Note 3)</i>
	240.55	246.75	6.20	0.62	<i>Note 3)</i>
	266.50	333.50	67.00	0.31	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	266.50	283.63	17.13	0.48	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	279.00	283.63	4.63	1.18	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	324.50	331.40	6.90	0.76	<i>Note 3)</i>

**Table 4: Assay Results for 25-DH-1331A (note 25-DH-1331 stopped in fault prematurely, recollared)**

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
26-DH-1331A	9.00	16.00	7.00	0.35	<i>Note 3)</i>
	50.60	120.00	69.40	0.99	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	73.50	93.00	19.50	1.86	<i>Note 3)</i>
	209.00	215.00	6.00	0.31	<i>Note 3)</i>
	231.00	234.60	3.60	0.36	<i>Note 3)</i>

**Table 5: Assay Results for 26-DH-1332**

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Apparent True Thickness
26-DH-1332	48.00	211.00	163.00	0.42	<i>Note 3)</i>

Including	48.00	62.00	14.00	1.19	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	50.00	55.40	5.40	1.95	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	134.00	166.00	32.00	0.92	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	161.50	165.00	3.50	5.97	<i>Note 3)</i>
	325.00	370.00	45.00	0.57	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	325.00	331.00	6.00	1.45	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	327.60	330.00	2.40	3.27	<i>Note 3)</i>
Including	345.00	364.00	19.00	0.80	<i>Note 3)</i>

Notes for Table 1 to Table 5:

1. Reported intersections are calculated using a 0.15 g/t Au cut-off grade.
2. The complete assay table is available on the Company's website
3. True thickness of mineralization is unknown as the project is still at the exploration stage

The integration of assay results from these five exploration drill holes strengthens the overall continuity for the new Orca Fault target and the association of higher-grade mineralization over a strike length of 530 m, northwest to southeast (see Figure 3). Stronger continuity is also now being developed spanning multiple, parallel, adjacent drill sections ranging over 200 m, northeast to southwest, at the widest point along the 530 m, main Orca Fault target trend (see Figure 2).

Figure 3 illustrates the locations for five drill hole results outlined in this news release and the drill holes currently in the assay lab, or in process of being drilled. Drill collar location coordinates are summarized for the 2025 Fall Drill Program in Table 6 at the end of this news release.

### **Qualified Person**

Julian Manco, M.Sc., P.Geo., Director of Exploration with Spanish Mountain Gold, is the Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101 who has reviewed the technical information in this news release and has approved the content for dissemination.

Abbreviations: metres = m, grams per tonne = g/t, CRM = certified reference material, gold = Au, mineral resource estimate = MRE, Spanish Mountain Gold = SMG, quality control = QC, quality assurance and quality control (QAQC)

### **Drill Core Processing, Data Verification and Quality Assurance – Quality Control Program (QAQC)**

Once received from the drill and processed, all drill core samples were sawn in half, labeled, and bagged. The remaining half of the drill core was securely stored on-site. Numbered security tags were applied to sample shipments to ensure chain of custody compliance. The Company inserts quality assurance and quality control (QAQC) samples at regular intervals, including blanks and reference materials, for all sample shipments to monitor laboratory performance.

Standards and blanks account for a minimum of 20% of the samples in addition to the laboratory's internal quality assurance programs. The QAQC program was overseen by the Company's Qualified Person, Julian Manco, P.Geol, Director of Exploration (as described below).

The data verification process involved a multi-step approach to ensure accuracy and integrity. This included a detailed quality control (QC) analysis of the data, which was performed using both internal and external platforms, such as the MxDeposit™ software. These QC checks involved the analysis of certified reference materials (CRMs), blanks, and duplicates to confirm the reliability of the assay results. In addition, a field inspection of the specific drill intervals mentioned in this release has been conducted to directly observe the geological features and verified the nature of the results presented.

Drill core samples were submitted to MSALABS's analytical facility in Prince George, British Columbia, for sample preparation and PhotonAssay™ analysis. The MSALABS facilities are accredited to the International Standards ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 9001 standard for gold and multi-element assays, with all analytical methods incorporating quality control materials at defined frequencies and established data acceptance criteria. MSALABS Inc. is independent of the Company.

### **PhotonAssay™**

The PhotonAssay™ method utilizes gamma ray analysis for gold detection using the Chryso PhotonAssay™ instrument (PA1408X). This non-destructive, fully automated technique offers high accuracy for analyzing ores and pulps. Sample preparation begins with drying and crushing up to 1 kg of material to achieve at least 70% passing through a 2-millimetre (mm) sieve. The sample is then riffle split to obtain a suitable aliquot for 2 testing cycles (MSALABS Method CPA-Au1). The PhotonAssay™ instrument bombards 400- to 600-gram samples contained in sealed containers with gamma rays.

These containers remain sealed throughout the process, preserving the sample for potential further testing. The analysis is performed robotically, with results that integrate into existing laboratory management systems. Each sample is accompanied by a reference disc traceable to a Certified Reference Material (CRM). Both the sample and reference disc undergo gamma ray exposure, with signals detected and analyzed to ensure accurate and reliable results. The method offers a gold detection range from 0.015 parts per million (ppm - lower limit) to 10,000 ppm (upper limit). Quality control includes the use of reference materials and blanks, with all results reviewed by a competent person before reporting.

Spanish Mountain Gold implemented two QAQC methodologies to validate the accuracy of PhotonAssay™ results, both demonstrating good comparability: 1) comparative analysis of diverse mineralization styles using Total Au screen metallic methods with both FAS-415 (gravimetric finish) and FAS-211 (AAS finish), and 2) comprehensive testing of both sample aliquots and rejects using FAS-211 (AAS finish). QAQC Testing typically can include the following spot checks: 1) Pulverizing tests to evaluate variability in sample preparation, 2) Cross-analysis at external laboratories using screen metallic method, and 3) Five-cycle radiation

testing to identify and calibrate potential variability in gold results with variable radiation intensity.

### **Multi-Elemental Analysis**

For the 2025 drilling campaign Spanish Mountain Gold used IMS-230 method to provide multi-element determination using a five-acid digestion followed by ICP-OES and ICP-MS analysis.

### **Key Process Steps:**

**Sample Preparation:** Samples are dried and ground to a specific criterion (85% passing 75 microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) for rocks and drill core; 180 $\mu\text{m}$  for soils and sediments). A homogeneous 10-gram sample is required. **Digestion:** Samples undergo sequential digestion with nitric, perchloric, hydrofluoric, and hydrochloric acids, followed by dilution with deionized water.

**Analysis:** The solution is analyzed via ICP-OES and ICP-MS for multi-element quantification.

**Quality Control:** The process includes reference materials, blanks, and duplicates, with corrections for spectral interferences and thorough review before final reporting.

### **About Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.**

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. is focused on advancing its 100%-owned Spanish Mountain Gold Project (Project) towards its goal to build the next gold mine in the Cariboo Gold Corridor, British Columbia. On August 18, 2025, the Company filed an NI 43-101 Technical Report on SEDAR+ that sets out the Project's de-risked and optimized Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), with an updated Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE). We will continue to advance the Project to position the Company to make a construction decision in 2027. We are striving to be a leader in community and Indigenous relations by leveraging technology and innovation to build the 'greenest' gold mine in Canada. The Relentless Pursuit for Better Gold means seeking new ways to achieve optimal financial outcomes that are safer, minimize environmental impact and create meaningful sustainability for communities. Details on the Company are available on [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) and on the Company's website: [www.spanishmountaingold.com](http://www.spanishmountaingold.com).

On Behalf of the Board,

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**Table 6: Drill Collar Information for Drill Holes**

Hole ID	EAST	NORTH	ELEV	AZIMUTH	DIP	DEPTH	COMMENT
26-DH-1342	604249	5827917	1128	120	-60	N/A	In Progress
26-DH-1341	604224	5827935	1123	120	-60	N/A	In Progress
26-DH-1340	604267	5827952	1120	120	-60	372	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1339	604192	5827937	1127	120	-60	387	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1338	604205	5827977	1125	120	-60	390	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1337	604237	5828049	1098	120	-60	402	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1336	604284	5827966	1109	120	-60	390	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1335	604292	5828064	1095	120	-60	415	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1334	604254	5827971	1116	120	-60	354	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1333	604236	5828012	1104	120	-60	366	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1332	604185	5828088	1091	120	-65	372	Successfully completed per design
26-DH-1331A	604595	5827901	1103	120	-60	240	Successfully completed per design

<b>26-DH-1331</b>	604594	5827899	1103	120	-60	55	Ended early due stuck drill rods in fault
<b>26-DH-1330</b>	604332	5827990	1105	120	-60	351	Successfully completed per design
<b>26-DH-1329</b>	604467	5827962	1090	120	-60	255	Successfully completed per design
<b>26-DH-1328</b>	604278	5828018	1105	120	-58	402	Successfully completed per design
<b>26-DH-1327</b>	604411	5828026	1088	120	-60	327	Successfully completed per design
<b>26-DH-1326</b>	604327	5827963	1108	120	-60	351	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1325</b>	604385	5827966	1103	120	-60	309	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1324</b>	604343	5828053	1080	120	-60	276	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1323</b>	604286	5828046	1097	120	-60	338	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1322</b>	604279	5827995	1106	120	-60	231	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1321</b>	604350	5828016	1099	120	-60	348	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1320</b>	604561	5827809	1126	120	-60	57	Ended early due to major fault zone
<b>25-DH-1319</b>	604404	5827992	1095	120	-70	198	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1318</b>	604445	5828098	1055	120	-60	243	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1317</b>	604186	5828166	1076	120	-60	282	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1316</b>	604514	5828073	1050	120	-60	177	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1315</b>	604231	5828163	1075	120	-60	282	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1314</b>	604160	5828218	1056	120	-70	270	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1313</b>	604566	5827908	1100	120	-60	204	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1312</b>	604538	5827921	1095	120	-60	205	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1311</b>	604590	5827935	1084	120	-60	330	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1310</b>	604592	5827961	1091	120	-60	211	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1309</b>	604592	5827958	1071	120	-60	237	Successfully completed per design

<b>25-DH-1308</b>	603280	5829250	966	120	-60	150	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1307</b>	604565	5827974	1068	120	-60	200	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1306</b>	603451	5829400	927	120	-60	123	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1305</b>	603657	5829226	919	120	-60	126	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1304</b>	604536	5827986	1067	120	-60	225	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1303</b>	603960	5828754	943	100	-55	156	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1302</b>	604194	5828180	1066	120	-63	282	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1301</b>	603708	5829029	929	150	-55	188	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1300</b>	604388	5828063	1085	120	-60	274	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1299</b>	604369	5828043	1093	120	-60	336	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1298</b>	604402	5828088	1074	120	-59	334	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1297</b>	604354	5828069	1084	120	-59	342	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1296</b>	604484	5828054	1061	120	-50	180	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1295</b>	604484	5828054	1061	120	-60	33	Ended early due to drill trace spacing
<b>25-DH-1294</b>	604345	5828120	1075	120	-58	351	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1293</b>	604284	5828149	1076	120	-60	453	Successfully completed per design
<b>25-DH-1292</b>	604223	5828189	1068	120	-62	270	Successfully completed per design

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