

Helio Provides Tanzania Update

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VANCOUVER, July 27, 2018 /CNW/ - Helio Resource Corp. ("**Helio**" or the "**Company**"; TSX-V: HRC) hereby provides an update of the SMP Gold Project located in Tanzania.

Helio's SMP project comprises 8 Prospecting Licenses (PLs), 4 Retention Licences (RLs), and one licence under application (see map below). The four Retention Licences are RL 0009 (Saza), RL 0010 (Gap), RL 0011 (Kwaheri), and RL 0012 (Illunga). Under the Tanzanian Mining Act, 2010, Retention Licences were issued to projects at which a mineral resource had been identified, but the projects could not be developed to mine status by reason of technical constraints, or other economic factors which are temporary in nature.

Changes to the Mining Act 2010 were announced by the Tanzanian government in June 2017, and have resulted in the Retention Licence classification being abolished and ownership transferred to the government. The Company has been assured verbally by government officials that the Tanzanian government will not expropriate the ground covered by the Retention Licences and wants to work with the Retention Licence holders to ensure that projects are advanced to the point where a mining licence can be applied for.

The Tanzanian government has formed a Mining Commission which will make recommendations for the way forward with regards to the ground covered by Retention Licences. After consultation with ministers from the Ministry of Minerals, Helio has applied for the ground covered by the Retention Licences to be re-issued as Prospecting licences to allow the project to be advanced. However, the Commission has yet to make any recommendations or any commitment as to a date by which its recommendations will be made.

About the SMP Gold Project

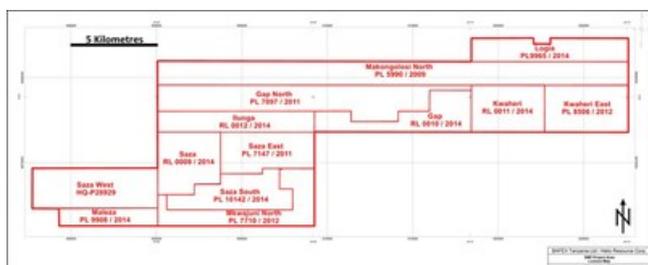
The SMP Gold Project covers a 200km² area in the Lupa Goldfields, SW Tanzania and is adjacent to the New Luika Gold Mine, operated by Shanta Gold Limited, an AIM-listed company. On March 26, 2015, Helio released a mineral resource estimate for the SMP Gold Project, comprising an Indicated Resource of 7.5 MT grading 2.4 g/t Au for 590,000 oz Au contained, and an Inferred Resource of 0.56 Mt at 2.5 g/t Au containing 45,000 oz Au. The Indicated Resource is broken down into 5.9 Mt grading 1.8 g/t Au for 332,000 oz inside a pit-constrained shell at a gold price of US\$1,400/oz and 1.6 Mt grading 4.9 g/t for 258,000 ounces of potentially underground mineable material. A NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Mineral Resource Estimate can be viewed here - [click here for full details](#).

Richard Williams, M.Sc., P.Geo., Helio's CEO and a Qualified Person as designated by NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

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Map of the SMP Gold Project (CNW Group/Helio Resource Corp.)

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