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Greetings, Chris --



Aerial view of the main drilling camp targeting in/around the main Alpala Prospect at Cascabel

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You already know from my recent coverage that the "temperature" has been turned up considerably in Ecuador lately; specifically over the world-class Cascabel concession and the growing resource at Alpala.

Majority owner/operator SolGold, plc and the initial discoverer and minority owner Cornerstone Capital Resources (TSXV-CGP; OTC-**CTNXF)** have seen their respective share prices do remarkably well of late, especially considering the bombed-out mining sector. That is largely due to global mining giant BHP Billiton's recent two-part investment in SolGold in order to get its foot in the door of this, the most significant new copper/gold discovery in the world of recent years.

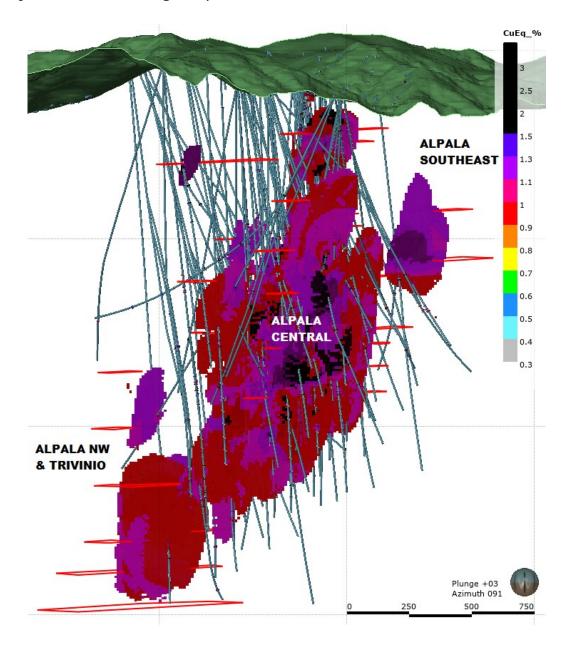
And then comes **THIS MORNING'S NEWS**.

Yet again, SolGold's drilling program has enhanced both the size and the overall grade at Alpala. In several additional instances, intercepts

hundreds of meters in length have assayed well over 1% copper equivalent (combining both copper and gold readings.)

Several "shorter" intervals (and that's a relative term, as we are still talking about some intersections of a couple hundred meters on average) were as high as 2%+ to even a 4% copper equivalent!

And remarkably, there have been instances of *visible gold* being encountered. This is highly unusual in porphyry systems and speaks to the unique quality *and evolving higher grade* of the first major resource taking shape.



SolGold management has indicated that the first major upgrade to the maiden resource at Alpala (announced in early January) is forthcoming next month. As these latest (and more added to come) assays fill in the first one, we're bracing ourselves for 1. a *potentially* eye-popping upgrade to both the size and grade of the higher-grade core and 2. overall, a *roughly doubling* of the first numbers. Those were

(total) 5.2 million tonnes of copper and 12.3 million ounces of gold; for more details check out **SOLGOLD'S PAGE** on Cascabel's details.

Things should continue to get ever more interesting here!

All the best,

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