

SANDSTORM GOLD ANNOUNCES 55 METRES OF 4.15 G/T AT LUNA GOLD'S AURIZONA MINE

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Sandstorm Gold Ltd. ("Sandstorm") (TSX-V: SSL) is pleased to announce that drilling from the Aurizona Mine, owned and operated by Luna Gold Corp. ("Luna") (TSX-V: LGC) has reported positive assay results from seven new holes. Significant mineralized intercepts are:

- 55.00 metres @ 4.15 grams/tonne Au including 1.00 metre @ 20.00 grams/tonne Au and 17.00 metres @ 7.80 grams/tonne Au in BRAZD293A
- 21.00 metres @ 2.50 grams/tonne Au including 8.00 metres @ 5.21 grams/tonne Au in BRAZD297
- 29.00 metres @ 2.53 grams/tonne Au including 0.50 metres @ 57.00 grams/tonne Au in BRAZD301

"The drill results from Luna confirm the strong exploration upside that exists at Aurizona," said Sandstorm President and CEO Nolan Watson. "These new intercepts are from an area that has few historical holes and potentially represents new material that can be brought into the mine plan."

In accordance with Sandstorm's gold purchase agreement with Luna, Sandstorm is entitled to purchase 17% of the life of mine gold produced from the Aurizona Mine at a per ounce price equal to the lesser of US\$400 and the then prevailing market price.

Luna approved a major 2011 exploration budget for the Aurizona Mine and expects to continue to aggressively drill the deposits with the goal of expanding the current resource base ahead of an upcoming scoping study. Drilling is currently focused on infilling over the 3 kilometre strike length of the Piaba deposit to increase measured and indicated mineral resources and discover new zones of mineralization.

Updated cross sections and a drill plan map have been uploaded to the Luna website at www.lunagold.com. Significant mineralized intercepts are tabulated below.

SECTION	HOLE ID	AZI	DIP	START DEPTH (M)	END DEPTH (M)	FROM (M)	TO (M)	INT (M)	AU (G/T) UNCAPPED	
1100W	BRAZD292	168	-69	100.00	293.10	160.00	163.00	3.00	20.68	
						173.00	175.00	2.00	3.13	
						179.00	181.00	2.00	3.58	
						184.00	196.00	12.00	0.99	
	BRAZD300	168	-60	100.00	226.35	123.00	146.00	23.00	1.86	
						INCLUDING	144.00	145.00	1.00	25.40
1200W	BRAZD293A	168	-79	128.95	336.45	172.00	227.00	55.00	4.15	
						INCLUDING	187.00	188.00	1.00	20.00
						AND	197.00	214.00	17.00	7.80
	BRAZD298	168	-73	80.00	280.65	150.00	163.00	13.00	0.57	
	BRAZD295A	168	-81	93.10	227.50	173.00	191.00	18.00	0.85	
	BRAZD297	168	-71		217.25	105.00	126.00	210.00	2.50	
					INCLUDING	110.00	118.00	8.00	5.21	
						142.00	147.00	5.00	1.04	

					156.00	161.00	5.00	1.00
BRAZD301	168	-50	50.00	164.75	97.00	126.00	29.00	2.53
				INCLUDING	113.50	114.00	0.50	57.00
					118.00	122.50	4.50	4.46

Mineralized drill intercepts from the ongoing Aurizona resource drill program. Intervals are calculated as composites using a 0.30 grams/tonne Au cut-off and maximum 2 metre internal waste. True widths to be established.

Titus Haggan Ph.D., EurGeol Certified Professional Geologist #746, Luna's VP Exploration is the Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101 responsible for the scientific and technical work on the exploration program and has supervised the preparation of and reviewed the technical disclosure in this press release. Non-Qualified Persons currently work on Luna's exploration programs under the guidance of Titus Haggan. Dr Haggan takes responsibility for work, information and advice generated by non-Qualified Persons and has taken the steps required to ensure that the work, information and advice is sound.

ABOUT SANDSTORM GOLD

Sandstorm Gold Ltd. is a growth focused resource based company that seeks to complete gold purchase agreements with companies that have advanced stage development projects or operating mines. A gold purchase agreement involves Sandstorm making an upfront cash payment to its partners and in exchange, Sandstorm receives the right to purchase a percentage of the gold produced for the life of the mine, at a fixed price per ounce. Sandstorm helps other companies in the resource industry grow their business, while acquiring attractive assets in the process.

Sandstorm is focused on low cost operations with excellent exploration potential and strong management teams. Sandstorm has completed gold purchase agreements with Luna Gold Corp., SilverCrest Mines Inc., Santa Fe Gold Corp., Rambler Metals and Mining plc, Brigus Gold Corp. and Metanor Resources Inc. For more information visit: <http://www.sandstormgold.com>.

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