

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - February 16, 2016) - **GoldQuest Mining Corp.** (TSX VENTURE: GQC) (FRANKFURT: M1W) (BERLIN: M1W) ("GoldQuest" or the "Company") is pleased to announce results of an initial collaborative data review conducted in concert with Precipitate Gold Corp. as part of the companies' recently announced data sharing agreement aimed at developing a better regional understanding of the Dominican Republic's Tireo Gold Belt and its geological characteristics and district scale potential.

Initial collaborative efforts have focused on establishing a geological base by combining each company's independently generated satellite images and airborne geophysical data into a unified compilation that has now created the district's first inferred regional scale geology map (see attached figure). This newly generated inferred regional geology map, which covers an area measuring about 65 kilometres by up to 12 kilometres ('km'), highlights areas of recent discoveries and known gold/copper mineralization throughout the belt, while unveiling five new exploration target areas with similar geological characteristics to those identified over known mineralization. A critical next step in the ongoing data review will include incorporating detailed geophysical and geochemical data (already generated) into the new model framework while ongoing GoldQuest and pending Precipitate mapping programs will further refine these new target areas. Results of the current and pending ground work will be released by the companies, jointly or individually, as it is completed and analyzed.

GoldQuest's Chairman Bill Fisher commented, "This inferred geological map is an excellent and inexpensive step towards understanding the formation processes that created the Tireo's known mineralized bodies. More importantly, applying a unified data framework allows us to highlight new areas that display target signatures similar to known mineralized bodies within this large regional trend. The ability to efficiently vector in on priority areas with follow-up ground work could significantly expedite the discovery process. We are quite pleased that this computer-aided mapping study distinguished most of our known gold-copper mineralized areas and points to new follow-up areas with similar mineral potential. We have crews in the field mapping and prospecting that are both confirming and expanding on areas of target potential indicated on the new base map. We continue to believe that our Tireo Gold Belt properties represent a large (jointly nearly 550 square kilometres) and significantly underexplored new gold district. Virtually untouched only ten years ago, exploration in the Tireo has already yielded over five million ounces gold equivalent in 43-101 defined resources for GoldQuest and Unigold as well as several exciting early stage discoveries like Precipitate's Ginger Ridge and Newmont's La Miel on the Haitian side of the border. Our track record of adding close to three million indicated gold equivalent ounces at a finding cost of under \$9/ounce speaks to the prospectivity of the and its potential to host a major gold camp. Precipitate and GoldQuest firmly believe the Tireo Belt will ultimately be recognized as one of the more important new discovery terrains."

Tireo Gold Belt rocks extend through Haiti and the Dominican Republic (Hispaniola's Central Cordillera region) for an estimated distance of 290 km forming an extensive mineral exploration corridor. Regionally, the Tireo Formation volcanic rocks are the Belt's primary gold-copper exploration focus where mineral occurrences include volcanogenic massive sulphide, porphyry-skarn and intermediate sulphidation epithermal styles of gold-copper mineralization. The region's polymetallic (Au-Cu-Ag) silica + sulphide mineralization is often hosted near an

andesitic-dacitic contact (ex. Candelones and Romero) and/or in close association with a dacitic/rhyolitic volcanic dome (ex. Ginger Ridge, Romero and La Miel). The accompanying map of the GoldQuest/Precipitate portion of the Tireo shows a clearly defined, fault bounded, northwesterly trending package of favorable rocks underlying the Companies concession holdings. GoldQuest currently has crews mapping new areas within its portion of the trend and Precipitate plans to start its next mapping/prospecting program shortly.

Geological consultant, M. Baker Ph.D. completed the computer aided inferred geological map by integrating satellite ASTER (Advanced Space-borne Thermal Reflection and Radiometer) imagery with detailed aeromagnetic data over an estimated area measuring about 630 square kilometres. The study endeavours to map lithology and structure, to identify any exposed alteration and to highlight areas of greatest potential to host gold-copper mineralization. The study highlights a total of fourteen target areas, five of which are new exploration target areas to be ground-truthed in the upcoming months. It should be noted that ASTER imaging is best suited to regions with more outcrop exposure and less vegetation cover than the Tireo region. While the generation of five new target areas is an excellent result it's highly probable there are others that could not be distinguished by satellite imagery due to heavy foliage cover.

The information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Jeremy Niemi, P. Geo., Vice President, Exploration of GoldQuest and a Qualified Person for the technical information in this press release under NI 43-101 standards.

#### **About GoldQuest:**

GoldQuest is a Canadian based mineral exploration company with projects in the Dominican Republic. GoldQuest is traded on the TSX-V under the symbol GQC and in Frankfurt/Berlin with symbol M1W. GoldQuest has moved its Toronto office to 133 Richmond Street West - Suite 501, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2L3 which has reduced corporate general administration expenditures.

Additional information can be viewed at the Company's website [www.goldquestcorp.com](http://www.goldquestcorp.com).

#### **On Behalf of the Board of Directors of GoldQuest Mining Corp.,**

*"Bill Fisher"*

Chairman

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