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CONTACT GOLD ANNOUNCES UNDERWRITERS HAVE AGREED TO PURCHASE C\$13.5 MILLION OF UNITS AND PENDING REDEMPTION AND RETIREMENT OF PREFERRED STOCK

Vancouver, B.C. (September 23, 2020) – Contact Gold Corp. (the “Company” or “Contact Gold”) (TSXV: C and OTCQB: CGOL), is pleased to announce that it has entered into an underwriting agreement with Cormark Securities Inc. and Cormark Securities (USA) Limited (together, the “Underwriters”) as underwriters of the Company’s previously announced public offering of units (“Units”).

Underwritten Offering

Pursuant to the underwriting agreement, the Underwriters have agreed to purchase 67,500,000 Units at a price of \$0.20 per Unit (the “Offering Price”) for gross proceeds of C\$13,500,000 (the “Offering”).

The Company has also granted to the Underwriters an option (the “Over-Allotment Option”), exercisable in whole or in part, in the sole discretion of the Underwriters, for a period of 30 days from and including the closing date of the Offering, to purchase up to an additional 10,125,000 Units, on the same terms and at the Offering Price, to cover over-allotments, if any, and for market stabilization purposes. If the Over-Allotment Option is exercised in full, the total gross proceeds to the Company will be C\$15,525,000.

Each Unit will consist of one share of common stock in the capital of the Company (a “Share”, and as a constituent of the Unit, a “Unit Share”) and one-half of one Share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a “Warrant”), with each Warrant entitling the holder thereof to acquire one Share at an exercise price of C\$0.27 for a period of 24 months following the closing date of the Offering.

In addition to the redemption of a portion of the currently outstanding Class A Shares of Preferred Stock (the “Preferred Shares”) pursuant to the previously announced binding letter of intent (the “Binding LOI”), the Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to (i) undertake further drilling at the Green Springs and Pony Creek projects located in Nevada, (ii) for exploration expenditures on Contact Gold’s other properties, and (iii) for general working capital purposes.

The closing of the Offering and the Redemption Placement (as defined below) is anticipated to occur on or about September 29, 2020.

Preferred Share Redemption

Pursuant to the Binding LOI with Waterton Nevada Splitter, LLC (“Waterton”), a significant shareholder of the Company, upon closing of the Offering, Contact Gold will use C\$5,000,000 to redeem a portion of the Preferred Shares; (ii) Waterton will purchase Shares at a price per share of \$0.195 (equal to the allocated price per Unit Share) in an aggregate amount equal to the balance of the remaining issued and outstanding Preferred Shares (the “Redemption Placement”); and (iii) Contact Gold will apply the Redemption Placement proceeds of approximately C\$13.4 million to redeem all of the then outstanding Preferred Shares.

Further Details

The Underwriters will receive a cash commission equal to 6% of the gross proceeds of the Offering, other than in respect of sales to president’s list purchasers (the “President’s List”), on which they will receive a cash commission equal to 3%. As additional consideration for the services rendered in connection with the Offering, the Company has agreed to issue the Underwriters that number of broker warrants of the Company (the “Broker Warrants”) as is equal to 6.0% of the number of Units sold under the Offering, other than in respect of sales to persons on the President’s List on which Broker Warrants equal to 3.0% of the number of Units sold to the President’s List will be issued. Each Broker Warrant shall be exercisable to purchase, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, one Share (a “Broker Share”) at a price of \$0.27 for a period of 24 months following the Closing Date. It is anticipated that certain officers and directors of the Company, among other individuals will participate in the Offering by way of the President’s List.

The Offering is being conducted (A) in Canada pursuant to a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") to the Company's short form base shelf prospectus dated October 24, 2018 filed in all of the provinces and territories of Canada, except for Québec (the "Canadian Jurisdictions"), and (B) to the public under an offering statement on Form 1-A, which includes an offering circular (the "Offering Statement"), pursuant to Regulation A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

A Prospectus Supplement and an amendment to the preliminary Offering Statement containing important information relating to the Offering have been filed on the date hereof with the securities commissions in the Canadian Jurisdictions and in the United States with the SEC, respectively. The Offering Statement, as amended, is still subject to completion or amendment, and the Unit Shares, Warrants, Warrant Shares and Broker Shares are still subject to qualification by the SEC. Copies of the Prospectus Supplement and the Offering Statement (and the Offering Circular contained therein) are available at www.sedar.com and www.sec.gov and may be obtained from Cormark Securities at Cormark Securities Inc., 416-943-6405, Royal Bank Plaza, North Tower, Suite 1800, 200 Bay Street, P.O. Box 63, Toronto, ON M5J 2J2.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any offer or sale of any securities, in any state or jurisdiction in which the offer, solicitation, or sale of securities would be unlawful. The securities being offered have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC or any Canadian securities commission, nor has any such regulatory authority passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the preliminary Prospectus Supplement or the preliminary Offering Statement. The securities being offered have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act.

The Form 1-A has not been qualified by the SEC or any state securities commission. For the purposes of Regulation A of the 1933 Act, (a) no money or other consideration is being solicited and if sent in response, will not be accepted; (b) no offer to buy the securities can be accepted and no part of the purchase price can be received until the Offering Statement is qualified, and any such offer may be withdrawn or revoked, without obligation or commitment of any kind, at any time before notice of its acceptance given after the qualification date; and (c) any person's indication of interest involves no obligation or commitment of any kind. All sales, if any, are anticipated to be subject to limitations set forth in Rule 251(d)(2)(i)(C) of Regulation A, as described in the Offering Circular.

About Contact Gold Corp.

Contact Gold is an exploration company focused on producing district scale gold discoveries in Nevada. Contact Gold's extensive land holdings are on the prolific Carlin and Cortez gold trends which host numerous gold deposits and mines. Contact Gold's land position comprises approximately 140 km² of target rich mineral tenure hosting numerous known gold occurrences, ranging from early- to advanced-exploration and resource definition stage.

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This news release contains "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of the applicable Canadian and United States securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements and are based on expectations, estimates and projections as at the date of this news release. Any statement that involves discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions, future events or performance (often but not always using phrases such as "expects", or

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These forward-looking statements are based on opinions and estimates of management of the Company at the time such statements were made and are based on various assumptions, including but not limited to, timing in connection with the Offering proceeding as planned, favourable and stable general macroeconomic conditions, securities markets, spot and forward prices of gold, silver, base metals and certain other commodities and currency markets (such as the \$ to US\$ exchange rate); no materially adverse changes or economic developments, that various risks and hazards associated with the business of mineral exploration, development and mining will not materialize and the ability to continue raising the necessary capital to finance operations. Actual future results may differ materially as forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to materially differ from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors that may affect the forward-looking statements in this news release include but are not limited to: risks related to the Offering; changing market conditions; and receipt of applicable regulatory approvals, including the qualification of the Offering Circular by the SEC. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used.

Although the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based upon what management of the Company believes, or believed at the time, to be reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure shareholders that actual results will be consistent with such forward-looking statements, as there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements and information contained in this news release. The Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements of beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by law.