



## NEWS RELEASE

### **BIG RIDGE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL RESULTS FROM HOPE BROOK PHASE I DRILL PROGRAM**

Toronto, Ontario, April 26, 2022 - Big Ridge Gold Corp. (TSX-V: BRAU) (OTCQB: ALVLF) (“**Big Ridge**”) is pleased to announce additional diamond drill results from its 25,000-meter (“m”), Phase I exploration drill program at the past-producing Hope Brook Gold Project, located in southwestern Newfoundland and Labrador. The drill holes reported in this press release are from the final drill holes completed in 2021 as well as results from drill holes completed after the resumption of drilling in January 2022 that targeted the shallow southwestern extension of the Hope Brook Deposit.

Mike Bandrowski, President & CEO of Big Ridge, commented, “Drilling continues to intercept gold and copper mineralization outside the current resource envelope to the southwest and 100% of the drill results received to date have intersected gold mineralization, suggesting Hope Brook remains open for potential resource expansion.”

#### **Highlights:**

- Drill hole HB-21-148 intersected 1.09 g/t Au over 33.0 m **including 4.52 g/t Au over 4.1 m**, Drill hole HB-22-158 intersected 1.64 g/t Au over 20.8 m **including 5.77 g/t Au over 4.7 m** and Drill hole HB-22-159a intersected 1.41 g/t Au over 15.1 m **including 3.25 g/t Au over 4.2 m**.
- Drilling continues to intersect gold and extend mineralization outside and along the projected trend of the current resource envelope that is based on a gold price of US\$1,200 per ounce and 3.0 g/t Au cut-off grade.
- The Phase 1 drill program continues with a focus on expanding the Main and 240 Zones near surface and testing the down dip extensions of both areas in the current program.
- 100% of the drill results received to date have intersected gold mineralization. The Phase 1 drill program is expected to run until August 2022 and will focus on connecting the Main Zone and 240 Zone near surface and at depth respectively and testing the down dip extensions to both the Main and 240 Zones before moving to test the NE Extension.

## Phase I Results

Results from the Phase I drill program continue to extend gold and copper mineralization to the southwest of the former producing Hope Brook open pit. The holes reported in the press release confirm near-surface mineralization in an untested gap in the current resource envelope and show the deposit remains open to the southwest.

Copper mineralization which was recovered by past mine operators as a by-product credit and is known to be associated with gold mineralization at Hope Brook, has not been included in the historic resource estimates. Big Ridge's initial drill results have generated copper assays ranging from 0.05% Cu to 0.90% Cu in 15 of the 23 holes reported to date.

**Table 1 – Significant Intercepts from Reported Holes**

Hole		From (m)	To (m)	length (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Au g/t <sup>(2)</sup>	Cu % <sup>(2)</sup>	Interval Lithology
<b>HB-21-148</b>		93.5	96.1	2.6	1.79	-	Vuggy silicified zone, mafic dyke
		110.7	143.7	33.0	1.09	0.07	Vuggy silicified, Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) and mafic dyke units
	incl.	110.7	114.8	4.1	4.52	0.53	Vuggy silicified zone, py
	incl.	140.0	143.7	3.7	1.59	-	Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) Zone, Vuggy silicified zone
<b>HB-21-151</b>		118.1	120.3	2.2	0.95	-	Silicified Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) Zone,
		144.3	155.3	11.0	1.50	-	Vuggy silicified, Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) and mafic dyke units
	incl.	145.3	149.8	4.5	2.08	-	
<b>HB-21-153</b>		141.0	171.5	30.5	1.27	0.18	Vuggy silicified zone, Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite), intermediate and mafic dyke units
	incl.	144.4	150.2	5.8	2.82	0.90	Vuggy silicified zone, py
<b>HB-22-154</b>		170.1	179.8	9.8	0.94	-	Vuggy silicified, Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) and mafic dyke units
		196.0	201.9	5.7	1.23	-	Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) zone
<b>HB-22-155</b>		107.8	119.5	11.7	1.61	-	Vuggy silicified zone, 5% py
	incl.	107.8	113.0	5.2	3.10	-	
<b>HB-22-156</b>		156.0	161.0	5.0	0.97	-	Vuggy silicified zone, mylonite
		166.0	167.7	1.7	1.24	-	Vuggy silicified zone, py
<b>HB-22-157</b>		172.4	182.9	10.5	0.60	-	Argillic (Qtz Pyrophyllite) zone
<b>HB-22-158</b>		46.0	50.0	4.1	0.89	-	Vuggy silicified zone, py
		70.6	91.3	20.8	1.64	-	Mylonite zone with Grey vuggy silicified units
	incl.	72.0	76.7	4.7	5.77	0.07	Vuggy silicified zone, py
<b>HB-22-159a</b>		121.7	136.8	15.1	1.41	0.23	Vuggy silicified zone and mafic dyke
	incl.	122.2	126.4	4.2	3.25	0.75	Vuggy silicified zone, py, cpy
<b>HB-22-160</b>		87.3	101.8	14.5	1.32	0.05	Vuggy silicified zone and mylonite

1. Intervals are presented in core length; holes are generally planned to intersect mineralization as close to perpendicular to strike as possible; true widths are estimated to be 75% of downhole length when hole and mineralized horizons orientations are considered.
2. Assays results presented are not capped. Intercepts occur within geological confines of major zones but have not been correlated to individual structures/horizons within these zones at this time.

To view drill hole locations in plan and sections please click on the following link:

[https://bigridgegold.com/site/assets/files/5568/pr2\\_2021-2022\\_drilling\\_-\\_plan\\_longitudinal\\_x-sections\\_r.pdf](https://bigridgegold.com/site/assets/files/5568/pr2_2021-2022_drilling_-_plan_longitudinal_x-sections_r.pdf)

## **About Hope Brook**

The Hope Brook Gold Project is an advanced stage, high-grade gold project that produced 752,162 ounces of gold from 1987 – 1997. Hope Brook hosts an indicated gold resource totalling 5,500,000 tonnes grading 4.77 grams per tonne gold for 844,000 ounces and inferred resources totalling 836,000 tonnes grading 4.11 grams per tonne gold for 110,000 ounces based on a 3.0 gram per tonne cut-off grade and a long-term gold price of US\$1,200, according to a technical report for Big Ridge Gold Corp., prepared by authors Michael Cullen, P. Geo., and Matthew Harrington, P. Geo., of Mercator Geological Services Limited and Jeffrey Burke, P. Geo., and titled “NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Hope Brook Gold Project, Newfoundland And Labrador, Canada”, April 6, 2021.

The Hope Brook gold deposit is a high-sulfidation epithermal gold deposit hosted in the Proterozoic aged Whittle Hill Sandstone and is intruded by a Late Proterozoic quartz-feldspar porphyry sill-dike complex of the Roti Intrusive Suite. The deposit is located adjacent to and within an extensive advanced argillic alteration envelope which includes pyrophyllite, kaolinite, andalusite, and alunite. The principal gold mineralization occurs in a buff-colored massive, vuggy silicic alteration with an associated, less developed grey silicic alteration with pyrite, chalcopyrite and lesser bornite. Gold mineralization is also found with pyrite in units of advanced argillic alteration adjacent to or near silicic alteration horizons. The altered and mineralized zone is cut by mafic dykes whose contacts are often mineralized. All of the altered and mineralized sequences and the intruded dykes have been folded.

Hope Brook is located 85 kilometers east of Port aux Basques, Newfoundland. The project has well maintained infrastructure on site, including an operational 28-person camp, an 1,100-meter airstrip, ice-free docking facility and importantly, connection to the provincial electrical power grid via an on-site substation.

Significant exploration potential remains on the 26,000-hectare concession providing a great opportunity to expand the mine area as well as surface showings throughout the concessions.

This press release was compiled and reviewed by William McGuinty, P. Geo., VP Exploration of Big Ridge and a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101.

## **Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)**

Big Ridge’s 2021-2022 drilling program, Quality Assurance/Quality Control and compilation of results employ a strict QA/QC program consistent with NI 43-101 and industry best practices. The Hope Brook project is supervised by Big Ridge’s Vice President Exploration, William McGuinty P. Geo.

Drill core is logged and split with half-core samples packaged and delivered to ALS Global’s geochemistry laboratory in Moncton, New Brunswick. Samples are dried and subsequently crushed to 70% passing a 2 mm mesh screen. A 250-gram split subsample is pulverized to a nominal 85% passing a 75-micron mesh screen. The remaining crushed sample (coarse reject) and pulverized sample (pulp reject) are retained for further analysis and quality control. All samples are analysed by Fire Assay with an Atomic Absorption (AA) finish using a 50 g aliquot of pulverized material. Samples are also analysed for copper

using ICP AES with four-acid digestion. Big Ridge inserts third party reference control and blank samples in the sample stream to monitor assay performance and performs duplicate sampling of both pulp and reject material. 10% of samples submitted are part of the Company's laboratory sample control protocols.

### About Big Ridge Gold Corp.

Big Ridge Gold Corp. is an exploration and development company managed by a disciplined and experienced team of officers and directors. The Company is committed to the development of advanced stage mining projects using industry best practices combined with strong social license from our local communities. Big Ridge owns a 100% interest in the highly prospective Oxford Gold Project located in Manitoba and the Destiny Gold Project in Quebec. Big Ridge is the operator of the Hope Brook Gold Project located in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more details regarding the Company's projects, please visit our website at [www.bigridgegold.com](http://www.bigridgegold.com)

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**Table 2 – Drill Hole Locations\***

Hole Number	Depth (m)	Azimuth	Dip	Northing	Easting	Elevation (m)
HB-21-148	216	325	-64	5287574	417822	5118
HB-21-151	209	325	-48	5287508	417812	5122
HB-21-153	230	325	-56	5287508	417812	5122
HB-22-154	265	325	-64	5287508	417812	5122
HB-22-155	215	325	-52	5287545	417814	5118
HB-22-156	254	325	-53	5287525	417828	5119
HB-22-157	278	325	-60	5287525	417828	5119
HB-22-158	191	325	-78	5287497	417654	5122
HB-22-159A	218	325	-60	5287567	417847	5119
HB-22-160	161	325	-57	5287389	417593	5110

\* Hole collars are in NAD83 / UTM Zone 21N coordinates drilled NQ diameter. Elevations are adjusted for modelling purposes

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