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SARAMA RESOURCES COMPLETES Q1 2016 DRILL PROGRAM AT THE SOUTH HOUNDÉ PROJECT IN BURKINA FASO

VANCOUVER, CANADA. Sarama Resources Ltd (“Sarama” or the “Company”) (TSX-V:SWA) is pleased to announce that it has completed the first phase of its US\$3.5M (CAD\$4.7M) 2016 exploration campaign on its 2.1 Moz¹ gold South Houndé Project. The work forms part of a multi-faceted exploration program funded by Acacia Mining plc² (“Acacia”) and includes drilling, geological studies and geochemical and geophysical surveys.

Near-field exploration has been guided by studies undertaken in Q4 2015 which identified potential for higher grade mineralised cross structures within the main Tankoro structural corridor. In conjunction with testing of near-field targets, areas of regional interest have been tested with auger, aircore (“AC”) and reverse circulation (“RC”) drilling. The final results from the respective drill programs are still being received and will be announced once they have been compiled.

Highlights

- 6,200m, 4,900m and 1,100m of AC, RC and diamond drilling, respectively, was completed in the Q1 2016 program to:
 - Test high-grade shoot controls at the MM and MC Prospects which contain the highest grade mineral resources;
 - Confirm the interpretation of cross structures associated with high-grade mineralisation at the MM and MC Prospects;
 - Test for mineralisation associated with new cross-structure anomalies identified by ground geophysical surveys; and
 - Investigate far-field and regional targets at the Kenobi and Obi Prospects.
- Final assays from these drill programs are expected soon.
- Ground-based geophysical surveys have generated multiple chargeability-resistivity anomalies proximal to the mineral resources at the MM and MC Prospects which are scheduled for drill testing in the Q2 2016 program.
- USD\$3.5M (CAD\$4.7M) exploration program is budgeted for 2016 and includes geochemical and geophysical surveys and AC, RC and diamond drilling.
- Q2 2016 exploration drilling program will commence in late April, 2016.

¹ Refer section “About Sarama Resources Ltd.”, note 1.

² The Project is the subject of an Earn-In Agreement with Acacia where Acacia can earn up to 70% of the Project upon making payments and funding exploration expenditures totalling US\$15M(CAD\$20M) and a further 5% upon the estimation of a 1.6Moz Au mineral reserve.

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Sarama's President and CEO, Andrew Dinning, commented:

"The newly identified cross structures have introduced the potential to upgrade resources at the Project. We look forward to receiving the final results from the Q1 2016 program which should further build on the current mineral resource base of 2.1Moz Au."

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ABOUT SARAMA RESOURCES LTD

Sarama Resources Ltd (TSX-V: SWA) is a West African focused gold explorer with substantial landholdings in Burkina Faso.

Sarama's flagship properties are situated within the Company's South Houndé Project area in south-west Burkina Faso. Located within the prolific Houndé greenstone belt, Sarama's exploration programs have built on significant early success to deliver an inferred mineral resource estimate of 2.1 Moz gold^{1,2}. Acacia Mining plc is earning up to a 70% interest in the South Houndé Project by satisfying certain conditions, including funding earn-in expenditures of up to US\$14 million, over a 4-year earn-in period and may acquire an additional 5% interest, for an aggregate 75% interest in the Project, upon declaration of a minimum mineral reserve of 1.6 million ounces of gold. Sarama is focused on consolidating under-explored landholdings in Burkina Faso and other established mining jurisdictions.

Sarama holds a 35% participating interest in the Karankasso Project Joint Venture ("JV") which is situated adjacent to the Company's South Houndé Project in Burkina Faso and is a JV between Sarama and Savary Gold Corp. ("Savary"). Savary is the operator of the JV and in October 2015, declared a maiden inferred mineral resource estimate of 671,000 ounces of contained gold^{3,4} at the Karankasso Project JV.

Incorporated in 2010, the Company's Board and management team have a proven track record in Africa and a strong history in the discovery and development of large-scale gold deposits. Sarama is well positioned to build on its current success with a sound exploration strategy across its property portfolio.

1. 43.0 Mt @ 1.5 g/t Au (reported above cut-off grades ranging 0.3-2.2 g/t Au, reflecting the mining methods and processing flowsheets assumed to assess the likelihood of the inferred mineral resources having reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction)
2. The effective date of the Company's inferred mineral resource estimate is February 4, 2016. For further information regarding the mineral resource estimate please refer to the technical report titled "South Houndé Project Update, Bougouriba and Ioba Provinces, Burkina Faso", dated March 31, 2016. The technical report is available under the Sarama Resources Ltd.'s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com
3. 9.2 Mt @ 2.3 g/t Au (at a 0.5 g/t Au cut-off)
4. The effective date of the Karankasso Project JV mineral resource estimate is October 7, 2015. For further information regarding the mineral resource estimate please refer to the technical report titled "Technical Report and Resource Estimate on the Karankasso Project, Burkina Faso", dated October 7, 2015. The technical report is available under the Savary Gold Corp's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com

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Information in this news release that is not a statement of historical fact constitutes forward-looking information. Such forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, statements regarding the Company's strategies and the earn-in by Acacia Mining plc into the South Houndé Project. Actual results, performance or achievements of the Company may vary from the results suggested by such forward-looking statements due to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Such factors include, among others, that the business of exploration for gold and other precious minerals involves a high degree of risk and is highly speculative in nature; mineral resources are not mineral reserves, they do not have demonstrated economic viability, and there is no certainty that they can be upgraded to mineral reserves through continued exploration; few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines; geological factors; the actual results of current and future exploration; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be evaluated, as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's publicly filed documents.

There can be no assurance that Acacia Mining plc will complete its earn-in as indicated, that any mineralisation that is discovered will be proven to be economic, or that future required regulatory licensing or approvals will be obtained. However, the Company believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in the forward-looking information are reasonable. Assumptions have been made regarding, among other things, the Company's ability to carry on its exploration activities, the sufficiency of funding, the timely receipt of required approvals, the price of gold and other precious metals, that the Company will not be affected by adverse political events, the ability of the Company to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and the ability of the Company to obtain further financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

Sarama does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except as required by applicable laws.

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Scientific or technical information in this news release that relates to the preparation of the Company's mineral resource estimate is based on information compiled or approved by Adrian Shepherd. Adrian Shepherd is an employee of Cube Consulting Pty Ltd and is considered to be independent of Sarama Resources Ltd. Adrian Shepherd is a Chartered Professional Member in good standing of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the commodity, style of mineralisation under consideration and activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Adrian Shepherd consents to the inclusion in this news release of the information, in the form and context in which it appears.

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