

**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Orea Commences Drill Program at the Maripa Gold Project in French Guiana**

**Vancouver, BC, Canada, January 14, 2022, Orea Mining Corp. (“Orea”) (OREA: TSX) (OREAF: OTCQX) (3CG: FSE)** is pleased to announce the commencement of a diamond drilling program at the Maripa Gold Project (“Maripa”), located in eastern French Guiana, France. Orea has an option to acquire up to a 70% interest in Maripa.

Ten thousand (10,000) meters of diamond drilling have been approved by the State services on Maripa. Fourteen (14) drill holes, for 2,140 meters, are planned as an initial investigation by Orea of the promising Changement gold zone (“Changement”), with 1,000 meters of drilling to be completed this January and February. The initial program consists of 5 drill hole fences at 200- to 250-meter north-south spacing, which will test a 1,050-meter strike extent of the Changement gold mineralized trend, as defined by historical drilling and surface sampling by Orea. Drill pad and access road construction was completed and the drilling contractor has mobilized the equipment on site for an anticipated start date of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Maripa and Changement maps are available at the following links:

Orea Project Locations:

[www.oreaming.com/i/nr/2022-01-14-map-maripa-location.pdf](http://www.oreaming.com/i/nr/2022-01-14-map-maripa-location.pdf)

Maripa Project Geology:

[www.oreaming.com/i/nr/2022-01-14-map-maripa-geo.pdf](http://www.oreaming.com/i/nr/2022-01-14-map-maripa-geo.pdf)

Changement Planned Drill Hole Locations:

[www.oreaming.com/i/nr/2022-01-14-map-maripa-changement.pdf](http://www.oreaming.com/i/nr/2022-01-14-map-maripa-changement.pdf)

### Changement Gold Zone

The Changement area was subject to placer gold mining from 1859 to 1950. All creeks peripheral to the deposit have been worked over time. Underground hard rock mining was recorded as early as 1880 and the deposit was exploited at surface by three shallow open pits from 1985 to 1996. Total declared historical placer and hard rock gold production is estimated to be approximately 100,000 ounces, with 40,000 ounces from hard rock. The Changement gold mineralization is localized within two subparallel north-northwest striking, moderately west dipping, shear zones of 10 to 25 meters in width cutting Paramaca Formation mafic volcano-sedimentary sequences. Gold mineralization is associated with quartz veining and sulfides, mainly as pyrite. The deposit has been traced by drilling to shallow depths over a lateral (strike) distance of 1,250 meters. A total of 63 diamond drill holes (4,500 meters) were

drilled by the French geological survey (BRGM, 1978-1998) and by IAMGOLD (2002-2004). Most of drilling was confined to the surface oxidized saprolite layer.

Prospecting by Orea in 2019 identified numerous abandoned mine shafts and adits excavated by illegal artisanal miners, located some 800 meters to the south of the Changement mine main pit. Stockpiles of rock extracted from the mine workings consist of mineralized quartz-pyrite veins and mafic volcanic wall rock. Select samples of the mineralized material returned numerous high-grade assays including 115.70, 83.48, 68.43, 42.60, 29.57, 15.51, 14.70, 9.42, 6.05, 5.98, 52.33, 17.20, 16.99, 14.64, 14.50, 9.75, 9.00, 7.36 and 6.83 g/t gold (see news releases dated November 26, 2019). The discoveries extended the Changement gold mineralized trend another 250 meters to the south.

### About Maripa

Orea entered into an agreement in July 2018 with IAMGOLD Corporation to acquire up to a 70% interest in Maripa. Maripa is located in eastern French Guiana along a paved national road, approximately 60 kilometers south of the capital city of Cayenne. The project is comprised of up to five contiguous exploration permits that cover an area of 120 square kilometers, namely the Changement, Maripa, Orapu, Crique Véoux (pending) and Maripa Sud-Est permits.

Past exploration at Maripa includes 134 diamond drill holes, for a total of 9,000 meters, which partially defined 5 broad gold zones; namely, from north to south, Changement, Filon Dron, Maripa Sud-Est, Rhyodacite and Filon Scieur. Drilling was limited to shallow depths within the oxidized saprolite layer with all 5 prospects returning drill hole intersections of economic interest with demonstrated potential for expansion and mineral resource delineation. Gold mineralization is associated with shear-tension quartz vein systems and vein stockworks localized along major fault zones marking a regional deformation corridor known as the Northern Guiana Trough (NGT).

Initial prospecting by Orea in 2019 and 2020 in the north half of Maripa led to the discovery of 5 new quartz-gold vein systems with high-grade gold potential in the vicinity of the Changement and Filon Dron gold zones.

In October-November 2020, Orea completed 8 diamond drill holes, for 1,168 meters, that tested 4 separate targets identified in the central part of the Maripa (see news release date January 27, 2021). Six (6) of the 8 drill holes served to test the depth and lateral extent of 3 gold mineralized shear-hosted vein systems traced at surface in and around the Filon Dron gold zone. Four (4) drill holes intersected wide shear zones marked by quartz veining, strong hydrothermal alteration, and sulfide mineralization over 18 to 27 meters, which returned gold values.

### **Qualified Person**

Rock Lefrançois, President & Chief Executive Officer of Orea and Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed this news release and is responsible for the technical information reported herein, including verification of the data disclosed.

## About Orea Mining Corp.

Orea is a leading gold exploration and development company operating in a prospective and underexplored segment of the Guiana Shield, South America. Its mission is to develop gold deposits with a reduced environmental footprint using innovative technologies, upholding the highest international standards for responsible mining. In French Guiana, Orea holds a major interest in the world-class Montagne d'Or mine development project and is also advancing the Maripa and Suriname gold exploration projects.

For more about Orea visit the company's website at [www.oreamining.com](http://www.oreamining.com)

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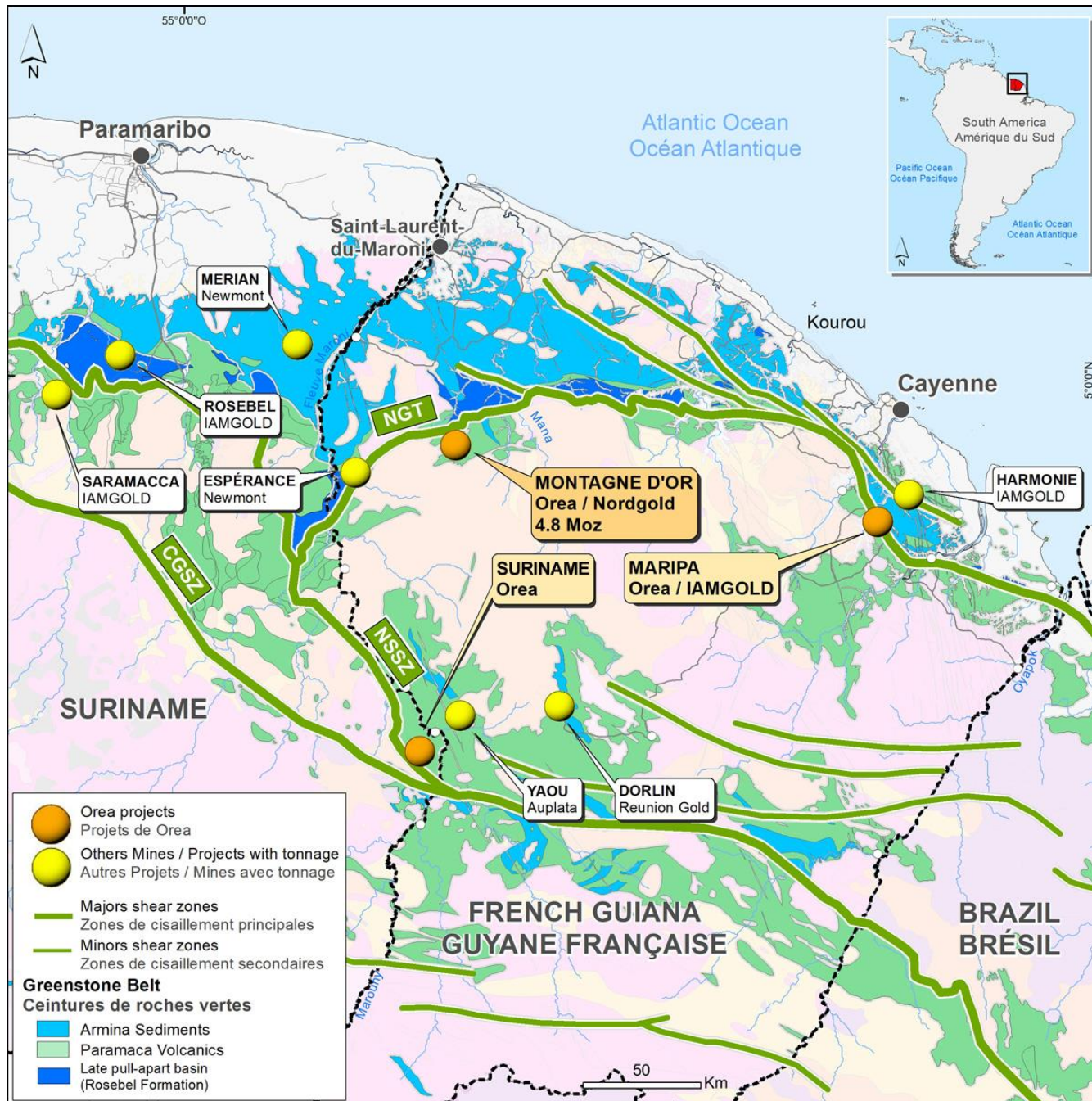
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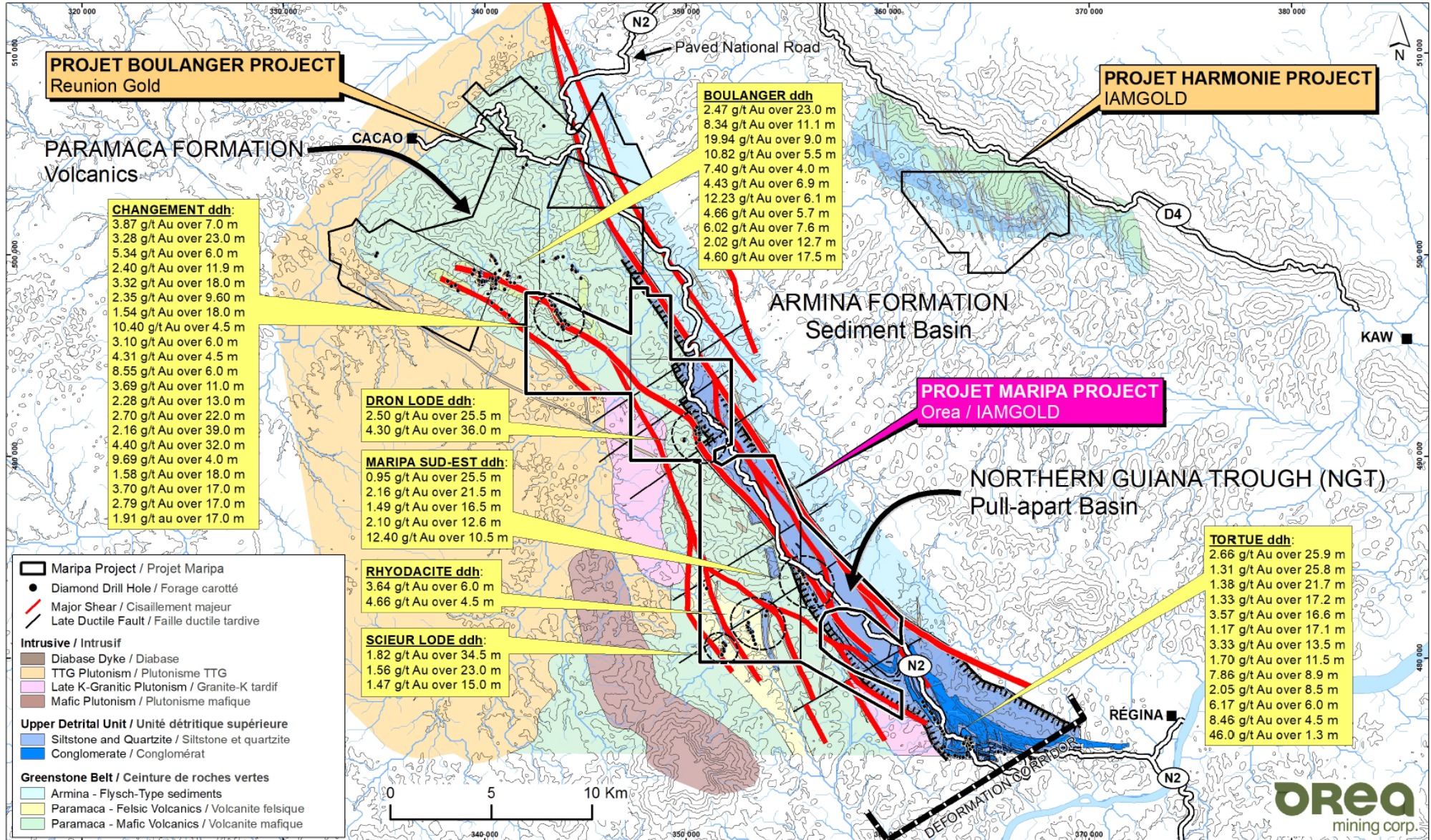
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# Maripa Project Location



# Maripa Project Geology



# Changement Planned Drill Hole Locations

## Maripa Project, French Guiana

