

Contact Gold Closes First Tranche of Private Placement Financing

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - April 24, 2020) - **Contact Gold Corp. (TSXV: C)** (the "**Company**" or "**Contact Gold**") is pleased to announce, further to its news releases dated March 27 and April 17, 2020, the closing of the first tranche of the non-brokered private placement offering (the "Offering") resulting in the issuance of a total of 7,520,000 units ("Units") at a price of \$0.10 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$752,000.

Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company (a "Common Share") and one Common Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"), with each Warrant entitling the holder to purchase an additional Common Share at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of 24 months from the closing date (the "Expiry Date"). In the event that at any time between four months and one day following the closing date and the Expiry Date, the Common Shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") at a closing price which is equal to or greater than \$0.30 for a period of ten consecutive trading days, the Company may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants by giving notice to the holders thereof and in such case the Warrants will expire on the 30th day after the date such notice is provided.

In connection with the closing of the first tranche of the Offering, the Company paid an aggregate of \$15,900 in cash finders' fees to eligible finders.

Net proceeds of the Offering are expected to be used to undertake further drilling at Contact Gold's Green Springs and Pony Creek gold projects located in Nevada, and for general working capital.

The Company expects the second tranche to close on or about April 30, 2020.

Details of the Offering:

The offered securities have not been, nor will they be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, any person in the United States or any "U.S person", as such term is defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act, absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. Offers and sales in the United States will be limited to institutional accredited investor. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

The securities issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a four month and one day statutory hold period in Canada, and are also deemed to be "restricted securities" under Rule 144 of the Securities Act, which generally requires a one-year hold period.

This first tranche of the Offering included subscriptions by several insiders of the Company, including certain officers and directors, for an aggregate of 550,000 Units, as well as by Ruffer LLP, for an additional 1,800,000 Units. Subscriptions by insiders for an additional 500,000 Units are expected in the second tranche of the Offering.

Participation in the Offering by the officers and directors, and Ruffer LLP, was consideration a "Related Party Transaction" under Policy 5.9 of the TSXV, which adopts Multilateral Instrument 61-101 ("MI 61-101") as a policy of the TSXV. In completing such transactions, Contact Gold relied on the applicable exemptions from the valuation requirement and minority security holder approval requirements available under Sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(a) of MI 61-101, respectively, on the basis that the participation in the private placement by insiders did not exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization. A material change report was filed in connection with the participation of Insiders in the Offering less than 21 days in advance of the closing of the Offering, which the Company deemed reasonable in the circumstances so as to be able to avail itself of potential financing opportunities and complete the Offering in an expeditious manner.

The closing of the Offering remains subject to the final approval of the TSXV.

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, Independence and Northern Nevada Rift 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.

Green Springs and Pony Creek are early stage exploration properties and do not contain any mineral resource estimates as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101"). There has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource estimate at Green Springs and Pony Creek. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in targets at either project being delineated as a mineral resource. Additional information about Pony Creek is summarized in the NI 43-101 Technical Report entitled "*NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Pony Creek Project, Elko County, Nevada, USA*" prepared for Contact Gold, with an effective date of October 16, 2018, and dated October 22, 2018, as prepared by Vance Spalding, C.P.G.; VP Exploration of Contact Gold, and can be viewed under Contact Gold's issuer profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Additional information about the Company is available at www.contactgold.com.

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These forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions and estimates of management of the Company at the time such statements were made. 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 factors, among other things, include: impacts arising from the global disruption caused by the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak, fluctuations in general macroeconomic conditions; completion of subsequent tranches of the Offering; receipt of applicable regulatory approvals including the final approval of the TSXV for the Offering; availability of financing; business integration risks; fluctuations in securities markets; fluctuations in spot and forward prices of gold, silver, base metals or certain other commodities; fluctuations in currency markets (such as the Canadian dollar to United States dollar exchange rate); change in national and local government, legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments; risks and hazards associated with the business of mineral exploration, development and mining (including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations pressures, cave-ins and flooding); inability to obtain adequate insurance to cover risks and hazards; the presence of laws and regulations that may impose restrictions on mining; employee relations; relationships with and claims by local communities and indigenous populations; availability of increasing costs associated with mining inputs and labour; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development (including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses, permits and approvals from government authorities); and title to properties. 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.

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