

Tocvan Accelerates Gran Pilar: 5,000+ Meters Drilled to Date, Historic Workings Discovered on South Block, Pilot Progresses

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HERMOSILLO, MX / [ACCESS Newswire](#) / May 11, 2026 / Tocvan Ventures Corp. (the "Company" or "Tocvan") (CSE:TOC)(OTCQB:TCVNF)(WKN:TV3/A2PE64) is pleased to provide an update on its fully funded 20,000-meter drill program and ongoing exploration activities at its flagship Gran Pilar Gold-Silver Project in Sonora, Mexico. The Company has drilled over 5,300 meters to date, with results pending from twenty-one drill holes totaling over 4,400 meters, including three drill holes following up on the El Mezquite discovery pad. The Company is also pleased to announce the signing of a long-term community agreement, granting surface access and permission to conduct all exploration and pilot-production across the area. In addition, Surface exploration activities have been focused on South Block mineralization extension, successfully identifying more historic underground mine workings. with over 400 rock and soil samples collected to date, results are pending.

To date, over 5,300 meters have been drilled across high-priority targets as part of the accelerated program. The Company is currently replacing one Reverse Circulation (RC) drill rig with a diamond core drill rig to deliver higher-quality geological data and structural information from key targets, like the newly discovered El Mezquite target. Tocvan is also actively looking to add a third drill rig over the next month; however, drill availability remains limited in Sonora, the Company continues to work with its contractors to expedite the planned drill program. Drilling continues to build on recent success while surface exploration on the South Block advances rapidly.

Exploration efforts on the South Block remain a key focus, with field teams continuing to identify and map historic underground workings along the El Mezquite trend. These historic features are associated with strong indications of mineralization, further supporting the potential for expanded gold-silver systems in this previously underexplored corridor located approximately 1,600 meters northeast of the Main Zone.

In addition, Tocvan has successfully signed a long-term community agreement with local stakeholders that provides a framework for continued exploration activities and development of the pilot mine facility. The agreement ensures ongoing community engagement, benefits, and support for the project, strengthening Tocvan's social license to operate in the region.

Further advancing toward production, the Company has already ordered the processing plant equipment required for the fully permitted 50,000-tonne pilot mine facility. This secures a key component and marks a significant step in preparing for initial 50,000 tonne sample processing and pilot-scale gold-silver production at Gran Pilar.

"Drilling is progressing efficiently and we are very encouraged by the continued positive developments on the South Block," commented Brodie Sutherland, CEO of Tocvan. "The identification of historic underground workings and associated mineralization along the El Mezquite trend highlights the scale and prospectivity of this new growth corridor. The signing of the long-term community agreement together with the already ordered processing plant are major milestones that solidify our community partnerships and position us for near-term pilot production. Replacing one RC rig with a core rig will provide us with even better geological information, we are working with local contractors to secure a third rig to maintain strong momentum."

The Company will continue to provide regular updates as drilling and exploration results become available.



Plate 1. Photos from ongoing work program at Gran Pilar.

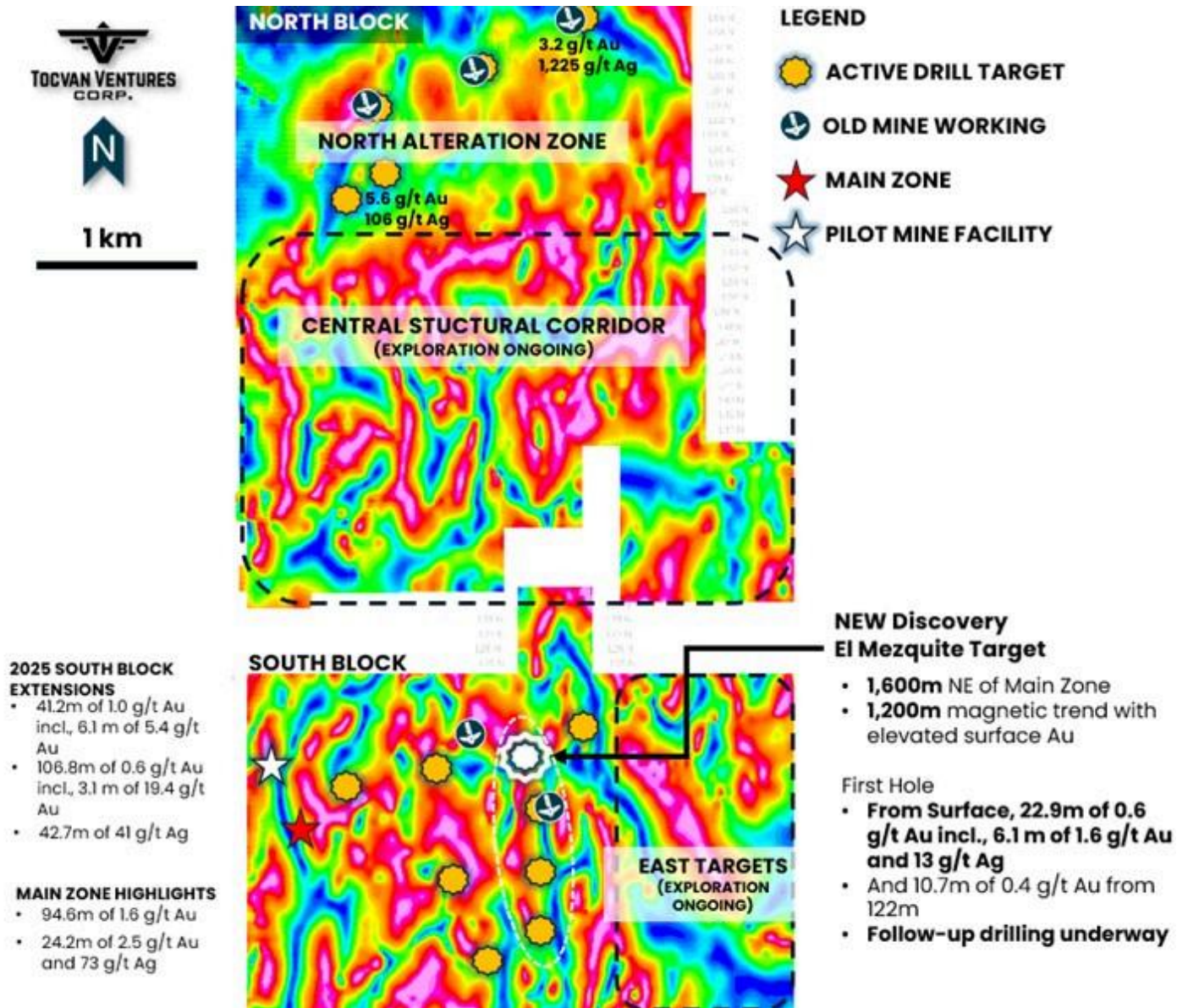


Figure 1. Gran Pilar target summary. Drone magnetic survey map showing tilt derivative of the Reduced to Pole (RTP) and priority target areas identified to date by geological mapping and surface geochemistry. Location of the new El Mezquite target area.

The Gran Pilar Project, Sonora, Mexico

100% CONTROLLED PRIORITY TARGETS FOR TRENCHING & DRILLING

1. South Block Main Zone Expansion

a. Follow-up on 2025 Drill Success

- 19.4 g/t Au over 3.1 meters within 106.6 meters of 0.6 g/t Au (February 25, 2025 News Release)
- 5.4 g/t Au over 6.1 meters within 41.2 meters of 1.0 g/t Au (May 7, 2025 News Release)
- 136 g/t Ag over 10.7 meters within 42.7 meters of 41 g/t Ag (June 25, 2025 News Release)

2. South Block (November 12, 2024 News Release)

a. Placer Corridor (900-meter strike length)

i. Soil samples up to 21.2 g/t Au and >2,000 g/t

b. Placer Source Area

i. Soil samples up to 2.4 g/t Au and 22 g/t Ag

ii. Rock samples up to 7.3 g/t Au and 389 g/t Ag

3. North Block

a. North Alteration Zone (3.2 km by 1.5 km area)

i. 2-meter chip sample, 5.6 g/t Au and 106 g/t Ag (October 19, 2023 News Release)

ii. Historic mine working sample, 3.2 g/t Au and 1,225 g/t Ag (March 8, 2024 News Release)

Gran Pilar Drill Highlights:

- **2025 Diamond Drilling Highlights include:**
 - 83.5m @ 1.3 g/t Au, including 9.7m @ 10.3 g/t Au (March 11, 2025 News Release)
 - 97.4m @ 0.7 g/t Au, including 36.3m @ 1.6 g/t Au (March 19, 2025 News Release)
 - 64.9m @ 1.2 g/t Au, including 3.0m @ 21.6 g/t Au and 209 g/t Ag (March 26, 2025 News Release)
 - 46.9m @ 0.5 g/t Au, including 2.6m @ 7.2 g/t Au and 80 g/t Ag (April 16, 2025 News Release)
- **2025 RC Drilling Highlights include:**
 - 106.8m @ 0.6 g/t Au, including 3.1m @ 19.4 g/t Au (February 25, 2025 News Release)
 - 41.2m @ 1.0 g/t Au, including 6.1m @ 5.4 g/t Au (May 7, 2025 News Release)
- **2024 RC Drilling Highlights include (*all lengths are drilled thicknesses*):**
 - 42.7m @ 1.0 g/t Au, including 3.1m @ 10.9 g/t Au
 - 56.4m @ 1.0 g/t Au, including 3.1m @ 14.7 g/t Au
 - 16.8m @ 0.8 g/t Au and 19 g/t Ag
- **2022 Phase III Diamond Drilling Highlights include (*all lengths are drilled thicknesses*):**
 - 116.9m @ 1.2 g/t Au, including 10.2m @ 12 g/t Au and 23 g/t Ag
 - 108.9m @ 0.8 g/t Au, including 9.4m @ 7.6 g/t Au and 5 g/t Ag
 - 63.4m @ 0.6 g/t Au and 11 g/t Ag, including 29.9m @ 0.9 g/t Au and 18 g/t Ag
- **2021 Phase II RC Drilling Highlights include (*all lengths are drilled thicknesses*):**
 - 39.7m @ 1.0 g/t Au, including 1.5m @ 14.6 g/t Au
 - 47.7m @ 0.7 g/t Au including 3m @ 5.6 g/t Au and 22 g/t Ag
 - 29m @ 0.7 g/t Au
 - 35.1m @ 0.7 g/t Au
- **2020 Phase I RC Drilling Highlights include (*all lengths are drilled thicknesses*):**

- **94.6m @ 1.6 g/t Au, including 9.2m @ 10.8 g/t Au and 38 g/t Ag;**
- **41.2m @ 1.1 g/t Au, including 3.1m @ 6.0 g/t Au and 12 g/t Ag ;**
- **24.4m @ 2.5 g/t Au and 73 g/t Ag, including 1.5m @ 33.4 g/t Au and 1,090 g/t Ag**
- **15,000m of Historic Core & RC drilling. Highlights include:**
 - **61.0m @ 0.8 g/t Au**
 - **21.0m @ 38.3 g/t Au and 38 g/t Ag**
 - **13.0m @ 9.6 g/t Au**
 - **9.0m @ 10.2 g/t Au and 46 g/t Ag**

Pilar Bulk Sample Summary:

- **62% Recovery of Gold Achieved Over 46-day Leaching Period**
- **Head Grade Calculated at 1.9 g/t Au and 7 g/t Ag; Extracted Grade Calculated at 1.2 g/t Au and 3 g/t Ag**
- **Bulk Sample Only Included Coarse Fraction of Material (+3/4" to +1/8")**
- **Fine Fraction (-1/8") Indicates Rapid Recovery with Agitated Leach**
 - **Agitated Bottle Roll Test Returned Rapid and High Recovery Results: 80% Recovery of Gold and 94% Recovery of Silver after Rapid 24-hour Retention Time**

Metallurgical Studies:

- **Gravity Recovery with Agitated Leach Results of Five Composite Samples Returned**
 - **95 to 99% Recovery of Gold**
 - **73 to 97% Recovery of Silver**
 - **Includes the Recovery of 99% Au and 73% Ag from Drill Core Composite at 120-meter depth.**

About Tocvan Ventures Corp.

Tocvan Ventures Corp. is a dynamic exploration and near-term producer advancing high-potential gold and silver projects in the mine-friendly jurisdiction of Sonora, Mexico. At its flagship Gran Pilar Gold-Silver Project, Tocvan holds a 100% interest in over 21 km² of prospective ground, bolstered by the pivotal 2023 land acquisition that provides ample space for scalable mine infrastructure, including a planned 50,000-tonne pilot production facility. The Company also maintains a 51% interest in a 1 km² joint venture area with Colibri Resources, further expanding its footprint. Recent exploration successes, including near surface 3.1 meters at 19.4 g/t Au, underscore Gran Pilar's potential as a premier gold-silver asset. Additionally, Tocvan's 100% owned Picacho Gold-Silver Project, located in the prolific Caborca Trend-home to some of Mexico's largest gold deposits-positions the Company for further growth. With robust metallurgical results (up to 99% gold and 97% silver recovery) and a strategic capital to bolster growth, Tocvan is poised to deliver significant shareholder value in a market buoyed by record-high gold prices. With approximately 78.7 million shares outstanding, Tocvan is committed to unlocking the full potential of its assets through innovative exploration, strategic development, and investor-focused initiatives.

Quality Assurance / Quality Control

Rock and Drill samples were shipped for sample preparation to ALS Limited in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and for analysis at the ALS laboratory in North Vancouver. The ALS Hermosillo and North Vancouver facilities are ISO 9001 and ISO/IEC 17025 certified. Gold was analyzed using 50-gram nominal weight fire assay with atomic absorption spectroscopy finish. Over limits for gold (>10 g/t), were analyzed using fire assay with a gravimetric finish. Silver and other elements were analyzed using a four-acid digestion with an ICP finish. Over limit analyses for silver (>100 g/t) were re-assayed using an ore-grade four-acid digestion with ICP-AES finish. Control samples comprising certified reference samples and blank samples were systematically inserted into the sample stream and analyzed as part of the Company's robust quality assurance / quality control protocol.

Soil Samples were shipped for sample preparation to ALS Limited in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and for analysis at the ALS laboratory in North Vancouver. The ALS Hermosillo and North Vancouver facilities are ISO 9001 and ISO/IEC 17025 certified. Gold and multi-element analysis of soils was completed by aqua regia digestion and ICP-MS finish using a 50-gram nominal weight. Over limit gold values greater than 1 g/t were re-assayed with a more robust aqua regia digestion ad ICP-MS finish. Over limit analyses for silver (>100 g/t) were re-assayed using an ore-grade four-acid digestion with ICP-AES finish. Control samples comprising blank samples and certified reference materials were systematically inserted into the sample stream and analyzed as part of the Company's robust quality assurance / quality control protocol.

Brodie A. Sutherland, CEO for Tocvan Ventures Corp. and a qualified person ("QP") as defined by Canadian National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this release.

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