

# REGULUS DISCOVERS NEW SOUTHWEST GOLD STOCKWORK ZONE RIO GRANDE PROJECT – SALTA, ARGENTINA

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October 25, 2012, (Vancouver) – Regulus Resources Inc. ("Regulus" or the "Company", REG TSX:V) is pleased to announce results for an additional eight Southwest Zone drill holes from the current drilling program at the Rio Grande copper-gold-molybdenum project in Salta Province, Argentina. The key hole in this release is RGR-12-100 which tested a distinct geophysical IP/resistivity anomaly thought to represent a possible intrusive center to the southwest of previously reported high grade copper-gold mineralization in the Southwest Cu-Au sulphide zone (RGR-11-86 with 257.3 m with 0.53% Cu and 1.20 g/t Au). This hole intersected a zone of gold bearing stockwork quartz veining which represents a new style of gold-dominant mineralization at the Rio Grande Project with good potential for significant size. Key results from this hole are summarized below and in Table 1. Drill hole locations are noted in Figure 1.

- RGR-12-100 intersected: 224.75 m with 0.52 g/t Au and 0.18% Cu (Au Eq) including 112.05 m with 0.67 g/t Au and 0.20% Cu (Au Eq)
- Contains individual 3 m long samples with up to 1.78 g/t Au and 0.44% Cu.
- Mineralization commences at a depth of 522.5 m but remains open laterally and upwards towards the surface.

The other seven holes presented in this release were drilled to test for near-surface oxide gold mineralization in the vicinity of previously reported RGR-11-088 (104.5 m with 0.66 g/t Au from the surface). These holes encountered only a few narrow zones of lower grade oxide gold mineralization as summarized in Table 1.

John Black, President and CEO of Regulus commented as follows: "The Rio Grande project continues to deliver pleasant surprises. The significant interval encountered in drill hole RGR-12-100 represents a new style of gold-dominant mineralization at Rio Grande and is associated with well-developed stockwork quartz-magnetite-pyrite-chalcopyrite veining typical of many large gold-copper porphyry systems in the Andean Cordillera. We first saw a hint of this style of mineralization near the bottom of hole RGR-12-99 and are quite pleased to see a longer and better grade intercept in RGR-12-100. This new zone is located several hundred metres to the southwest of the high-grade Southwest gold-copper sulphide zone reported in holes RGR-11-086, RGR-12-099 and RGR-12-106 and it is not yet clear if it will be a separate zone or if the two areas might be connected. The general spatial relation between the two areas of

mineralization can be seen in Figure 2. The next release of drill results will focus on holes that further define the high-grade Southwest copper-gold sulphide zone laterally and to depth."

## **Rio Grande Copper-Gold-Molybdenum Project Summary**

The Rio Grande Project is located approximately 55 km southwest of the Taca Taca porphyry copper deposit of Lumina Copper and 11 km west of the Lindero gold deposit of Mansfield Minerals in Salta Province, northwestern Argentina. A NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate was released for the project late last year (please refer to news release of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011).

The resource estimate, utilizing a 0.40% copper equivalent cut off grade, is summarized below:

Indicated Resource: 55,257,862 tonnes with 0.342% Cu, 0.359 g/t Au, 4.38 g/t Ag Inferred Resource: 101,088,174 tonnes with 0.303% Cu, 0.308 g/t Au, 4.45 g/t Ag

Indicated Resource: 637,025 oz Au, 7,787,342 oz Ag, 416,240,000 lbs Cu Inferred Resource: 1,002,458 oz Au, 14,449,042 oz Ag, 674,405,000 lbs Cu

Approximately 53% of the published resource is oxide mineralization, 35% is transitional oxide-sulphide mineralization and 12% is sulphide mineralization.

The current resource estimate utilized all drilling at Rio Grande prior to 2010. The Southwest Zone was discovered in late 2011 and is not included in the current resource estimate. Further drilling in 2012 has now revealed that several mineralization styles are present in the Southwest Zone and these will be referred to as the a) Southwest copper-gold sulphide, b) Southwest supergene copper, c) Southwest oxide gold, d) Southwest molybdenum, and the newly discovered e) Southwest gold quartz stockwork zones. The approximate spatial relationship between these zones is illustrated in Figure 2 below.

## **Results of 2012 Drilling To Date**

Twenty-six drill holes (22,802 m) have been completed to date in the ongoing 2012 Rio Grande drilling program with additional drilling currently in progress. The drilling has concentrated in the immediate vicinity of the significant intercepts previously reported from drill holes RGR-11-86 and RGR-11-88 in the Southwest zone of the Rio Grande system (see Regulus news releases of December 14, 2011 and February 8, 2012). Results from the first five holes of the 2012 drilling program have been previously released (August 14 and September 20, 2012) and results from an additional eight holes are presented here.

The locations of drill holes presented in this release are indicated on Figure 1. RGR-12-100, the principal hole of interest in this release, is also displayed on drill section 613,350E in Figure 2 (Please also refer to the Regulus Resources website, <a href="www.regulusresources.com">www.regulusresources.com</a> for additional information about Regulus and the Rio Grande Project). Additional description of the holes presented in this release follows below.

				Au		Ag		Au	Cu	Mineral
RGR-12-100	From	То	Metres	g/t	Cu %	g/t	Mo %	Eq	Eq	Zone
TD = 912.50 m	7.00	23.00	16.00	0.33	0.07%	3.46	0.001%			Supergene
	32.00	96.00	64.00	0.31	0.37%	2.56	0.001%			Supergene
	146.00	176.00	30.00	0.09	0.32%	1.32	0.002%			Supergene
	522.50	747.25	224.75	0.52	0.18%	0.50	0.001%	0.84	0.49%	Primary
	including									
	522.50	634.55	112.05	0.67	0.20%	0.65	0.001%	1.03	0.60%	Primary
	and									
	655.40	747.25	91.85	0.45	0.19%	0.36	0.001%	0.79	0.46%	Primary
RGR-12-101	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Au Eq	Cu Eq	Mineral Zone
TD = 447.50	No Cignificant Intervals to report									
m	No Significant Intervals to report  Au Cu Mineral									
RGR-12-103	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Eq	Eq	Zone
TD = 436.50 m	No Significant Intervals to report									
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RGR-12-104	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Eq	Eq	Zone
TD = 708.70 m	10.00	22.00	12.00	0.22	0.02%	0.82	0.003%			Supergene
	72.00	118.00	46.00	0.31	0.09%	0.43	0.004%			Supergene
	426.00	471.00	45.00	0.27	0.30%	6.94	0.001%	0.92	0.53%	Primary
	498.50	518.00	19.50	0.30	0.23%	4.95	0.001%	0.79	0.46%	Primary
RGR-12-108	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Au Eq	Cu Eq	Mineral Zone
TD = 553.00										
m	5.00	11.00	6.00	0.90	0.19%	0.95	0.000%			Supergene
	317.00	329.00	12.00	0.30	0.06%	1.43	0.001%			Supergene
	395.00	416.00	21.00	0.25	0.22%	1.09	0.003%	0.67	0.39%	Primary
	485.00	521.00	36.00	0.26	0.21%	1.24	0.006%	0.68 <b>Au</b>	0.40% <b>Cu</b>	Primary Mineral
RGR-12-110	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Eq	Eq	Zone
TD = 528.00	No Significant Intervals to report									
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RGR-12-112	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Eq	Eq	Zone
TD = 595.50	No Significant Intervals to report									
m	No Significant Intervals to report  Au Cu Mineral									
RGR-12-114	From	То	Metres	Au	Cu	Ag	Мо	Eq	Eq	Zone
TD = 1405.50 m	109.00	129.00	20.00	0.36	0.16%	1.62	0.001%			Supergene
	325.00	391.00	66.00	0.56	0.26%	2.10	0.001%	1.05	0.61%	Primary
	407.00	429.00	22.00	0.33	0.17%	2.17	0.001%	0.67	0.39%	Primary
	439.00	449.00	10.00	0.33	0.10%	1.76	0.004%	0.56	0.33%	Primary
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Table 1: Rio Grande Drill Results

<sup>\*</sup>Copper equivalent calculation uses US\$2.50/lb Cu, US\$1,000/Oz Au, US\$18.00/Oz Ag and US\$10.00/lb Mo and is not adjusted for metallurgical recoveries as these remain uncertain. The formula to calculate Cu equivalent is Cu Eq. =  $(Cu \times 1) + (Au \times 0.5833) + (Ag \times 0.0105) + (Mo \times 4)$ . Intercepts are reported as down-hole intercept lengths and may not necessarily represent true widths.

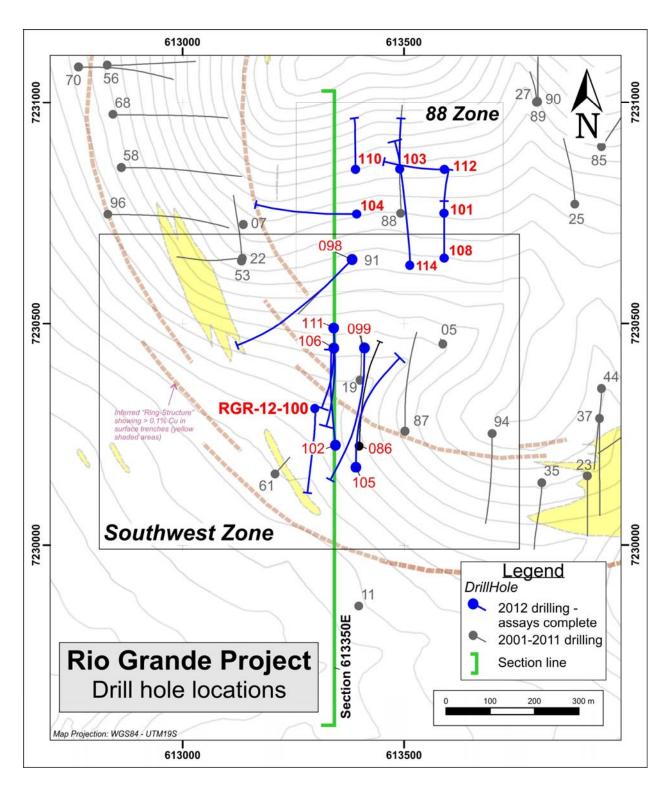


Figure 1: Rio Grande Drill Hole Location Map

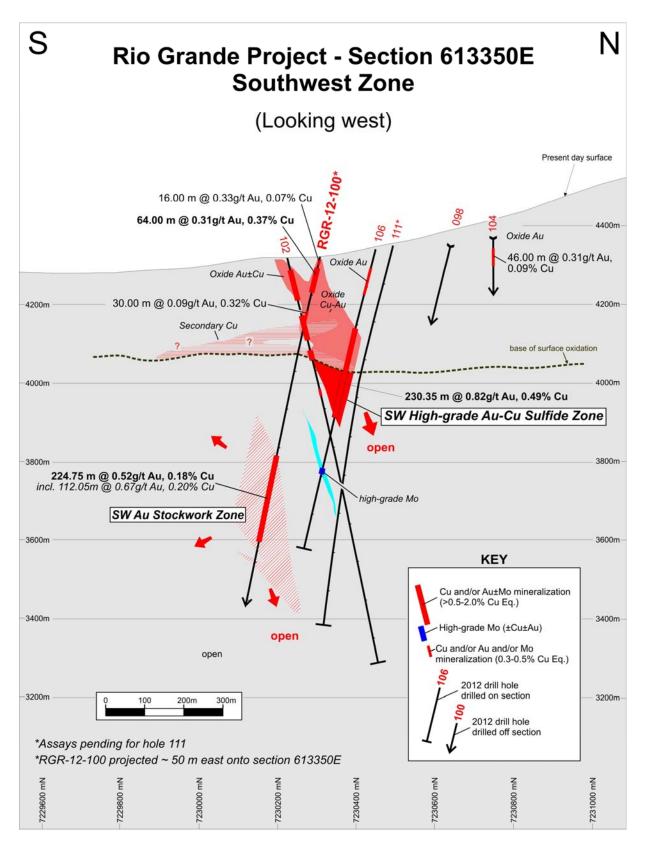


Figure 2: Rio Grande – Section 613,350E – Please note that the Southwest high-grade gold-copper sulphide zone strikes obliquely to the section line producing apparent and not true widths.

#### **Drill Hole Descriptions**

RGR-12-100 was collared 125 m to the northwest of RGR-11-086 and drilled in the opposite direction to test a distinct geophysical IP/resistivity anomaly thought to possibly represent an intrusive center related to the high-grade copper-gold sulphide mineralization encountered in RGR-11-086. The uppermost portion of RGR-12-100 intersected several intervals of oxide copper and/or gold mineralization typical of that found in the ring zone of the Rio Grande system (best interval contained 64.00 m with 0.31 g/t Au and 0.37% Cu). The lower portion of the hole passed well outside the southwest margins of the ring zone into weakly altered wallrock before encountering increasing pyrite contents and a zone of well-developed, sheeted to stockwork quartz veining commencing at about 500 m downhole.

The stockwork quartz veining is closely associated with gold and lesser copper mineralization. Commencing at 522.50 m depth there is a 224.75 m interval with 0.52 g/t Au and 0.18% Cu. This broader zone of mineralization includes internal dilution from a 20.85 m interval of late mineral pyritic dyke that carries no gold or copper. The upper portion of the broad zone of mineralization includes 112.05 m with 0.67 g/t Au and 0.20% Cu. Individual 3.00 m long sample intervals contain up to 1.78 g/t Au and 0.44% Cu.

The quartz veins form multidirectional sheeted to stockwork arrays and are typically 0.2-1.0 cm in width with occasional veins to 5 cm in width (see the photo if Figure 3 below). Veins are commonly gray and banded with a vein assemblage of quartz-magnetite-pyrite-chalcopyrite. Wallrock alteration consists of secondary biotite and potassium feldspar. This style of veining is very similar to that seen in many other large, gold-dominant porphyry gold-copper deposits in the Andean cordillera (Cerro Corona, Lobo, Cerro Casale, and the nearby Lindero deposit of Mansfield Minerals – 11 km to the southeast of Rio Grande). A distinctly later vein set contains much higher contents of pyrite and does not appear to be associated with the gold-copper mineralization. This later pyritic vein set may also be associated with later chloritic and sericitic alteration of the wallrock.



Figure 3: Drill core from RGR-12-100 at 624 m. Representative of a 3 m interval that contains 1.38 g/t Au and 0.299% Cu. Thin multidirectional banded gray veins are associated with gold-copper mineralization and contain quartz-magnetite-pyrite-minor chalcopyrite with a wall rock alteration assemblage of secondary biotite and potassium feldspar.

The hostrock for the Southwest stockwork gold zone comprises multiple subvolcanic intermediate intrusive phases including several narrow dykes that appear to be most closely associated with the mineralization. There are also late mineral dykes that are cut by late barren pyritic veins but do not bear gold-copper mineralized quartz veining.

The remaining seven drill holes presented in this release were drilled in the vicinity of drill hole RGR-11-088 to determine if near-surface oxide gold mineralization found in this hole (104.5 m with 0.66 g/t Au from the surface) had potential for a large blanket-like body. The holes were drilled on approximate 100 m centers surrounding RGR-11-088. Although all of the holes encountered very strongly altered wallrocks, they only encountered a few narrow intercepts of lower grade gold or copper-gold mineralization (see Table 1), with the better results towards the west and south, in the direction of the well-mineralized zone around drill hole RGR-11-086. Work remains to better characterize the near-surface oxide gold from hole RGR-11-088, but the potential for a large body of near-surface mineralization has been significantly reduced.

## **About Regulus Resources Inc.**

Regulus Resources Inc. (REG TSX.V) is a mineral exploration company formed in December, 2010 in connection with the sale of Antares Minerals Inc. to First Quantum Minerals Ltd. (FM. TSX). Regulus has been exploring the Rio Grande Cu-Au-Ag porphyry project in Salta Province of NW Argentina as a 50/50 joint venture partner with Pachamama Resources and the two companies recently merged under the name of Regulus Resources to consolidate a 100% interest in the project and pursue an aggressive exploration program (see Regulus press releases of May 11 and May 16, 2012).

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The Rio Grande samples were analysed with the following methods: Au - 30 g FA with AA Finish, Cu - 4 four acid digestion for trace Cu and four acid digestion and AAS for ore grade Cu, 35 element Aqua Regia ICP-AES.

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