

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - October 2, 2018) - Japan Gold Corp. (TSXV: JG) (OTCQB: JGLDF) ("**Japan Gold**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that its four prospecting rights applications over the Tobaru Project in the Southern Kyushu Epithermal Gold Province, Japan, have been converted to Prospecting Rights by the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

The Tobaru Project totals 1,347 hectares covering a large alteration zone adjacent and along strike to the Fuke epithermal gold mine (106,000 ounces gold produced²) in the highly gold endowed Hokusatsu-Kushikino mining district, in the Southern Kyushu Epithermal Gold Province.

In excess of 10 million ounces of gold has been produced from high-grade epithermal deposits of this province, refer to **Figure 1** which shows the northern portion of the district, project locations and significant mines. Notable producers within the district include: the Hishikari mine with 7.4 million ounces of gold produced to date at average grades of 30-40 g/t Au¹; Kushikino mine, 1.8 million ounces at 6.7 g/t Au; Yamagano mine, 910,000 ounces at 17.4 g/t Au; and the Ohkuchi mine with 714,000 ounces at 13.6 g/t Au^{2,3}.

Granting of Prospecting Rights authorizes the Company to commence more advanced exploration methods including drilling.

The Project

The Tobaru Project is located in the northern part of the Hokusatsu-Kushikino mining district. Significant gold producers nearby include the Fuke and Okuchi mines located respectively 0.5 and 4 kilometers west and south of the project, **Figure 1**. No historic production is recorded at Tobaru but the project applications enclose a large area of alteration hosted in andesite volcanics. A zoned area of alteration mapped by the Company extends over a 2,000 by 1,000 meter area and is characterized by residual or vuggy quartz in four elliptical zones up to 300 x 150 meters in diameter, enclosed by ammonium clay minerals and illite, localised advanced argillic alteration assemblages, and networks of quartz - iron oxide stockwork veinlets, refer to **Figure 2** which shows the Tobaru project simplified geology and alteration in relation to the Fuke mine veins.

First pass sampling work by the Company has shown elevated trace element geochemistry co-incident with the mapped zoned alteration. Descriptions of veining in the Fuke mine suggest both the upper and deeper levels of an epithermal system are present and probably

superimposed, as quartz-adularia-carbonate and quartz-base metal sulphide veins are noted, high-grade gold shoots are also reported from the mine^{2, 5}. The intensity and frequency of fracturing observed throughout the Tobaru alteration zone coupled with a 150 to 200 meter increase in elevation into the project area are positive factors for a potential extension of the Fuke vein system into the project area. Tobaru's position in the Hokusatsu-Kushikino mining district and its proximity to other mines including Fuke, Okuchi and Hishikari make it worthy of further exploration. The Company plans more detailed sampling and mapping and if warranted, geophysical methods in 2019 to identify potential drill targets.

John Proust, Chairman and CEO of Japan Gold, commented, *"We are pleased to see the granting of these prospecting licenses in this world class gold district of southern Japan, and consider this another timely advancement to the Company's exploration portfolio."*

On behalf of the Board of Japan Gold Corp.

"John Proust"
Chairman & CEO

About Japan Gold Corp.

Japan Gold Corp. is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused solely on gold and copper-gold exploration in Japan. The Company has applied for 210 prospecting rights licenses in Japan for a combined area of 69,505 hectares over seventeen separate projects. Thirty-seven of the applications have been granted as Prospecting Rights. The applications cover areas with known gold occurrences and a history of mining, and are prospective for both high-grade epithermal gold mineralization and gold-bearing lithocaps, which could indicate the presence of porphyry mineralization. Japan Gold's leadership team has decades of resource industry and business experience, and the Company has recruited geologists and technical advisors with experience exploring and operating in Japan. More information is available at www.japangold.com or by email at info@japangold.com.

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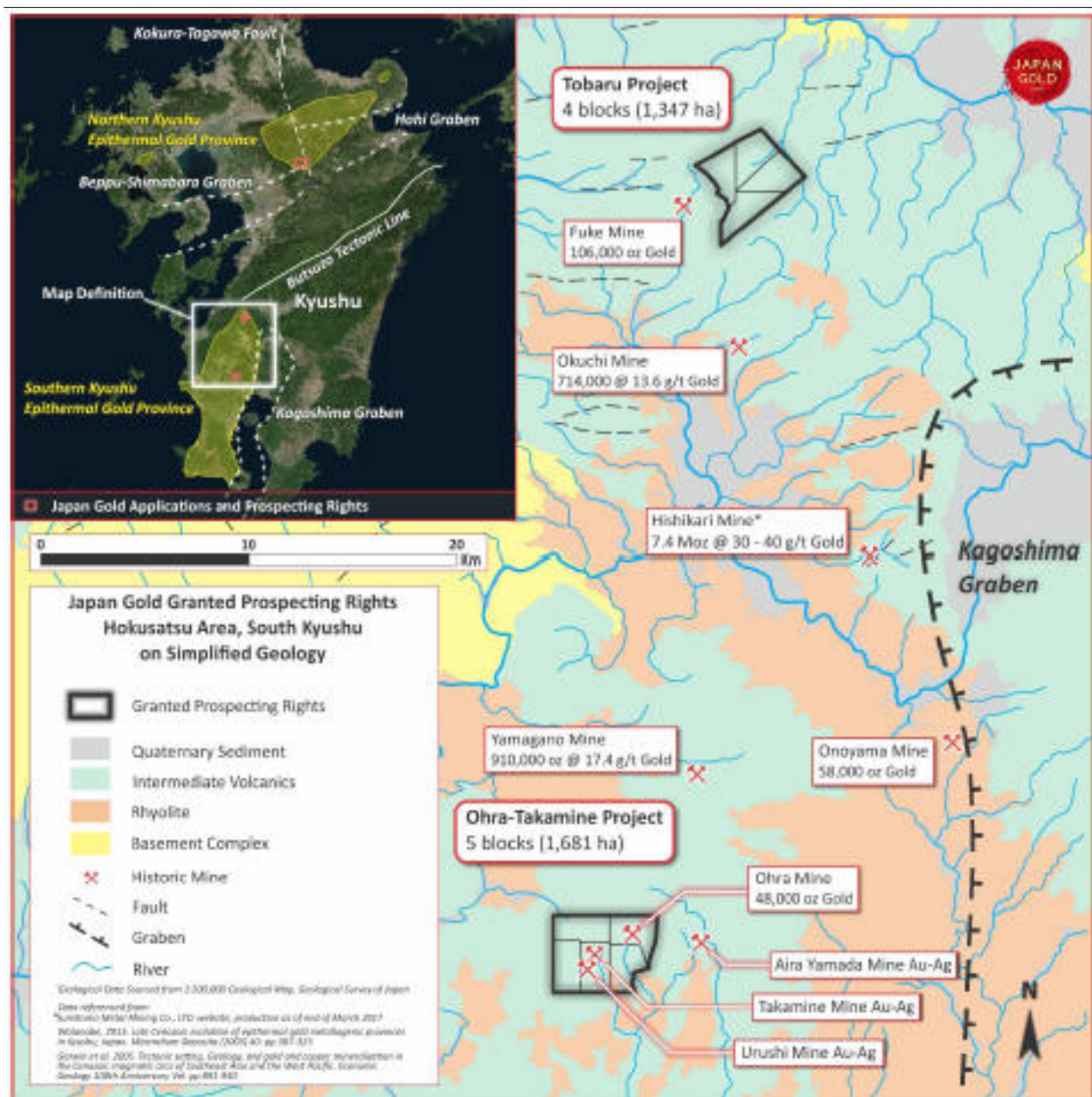


Figure 1: The Northern Hokusatsu-Kushikino Mining District, southern Kyushu, Japan Gold projects on simplified geology with historic and recent gold mines.

To view an enhanced version of Figure 1, please visit:
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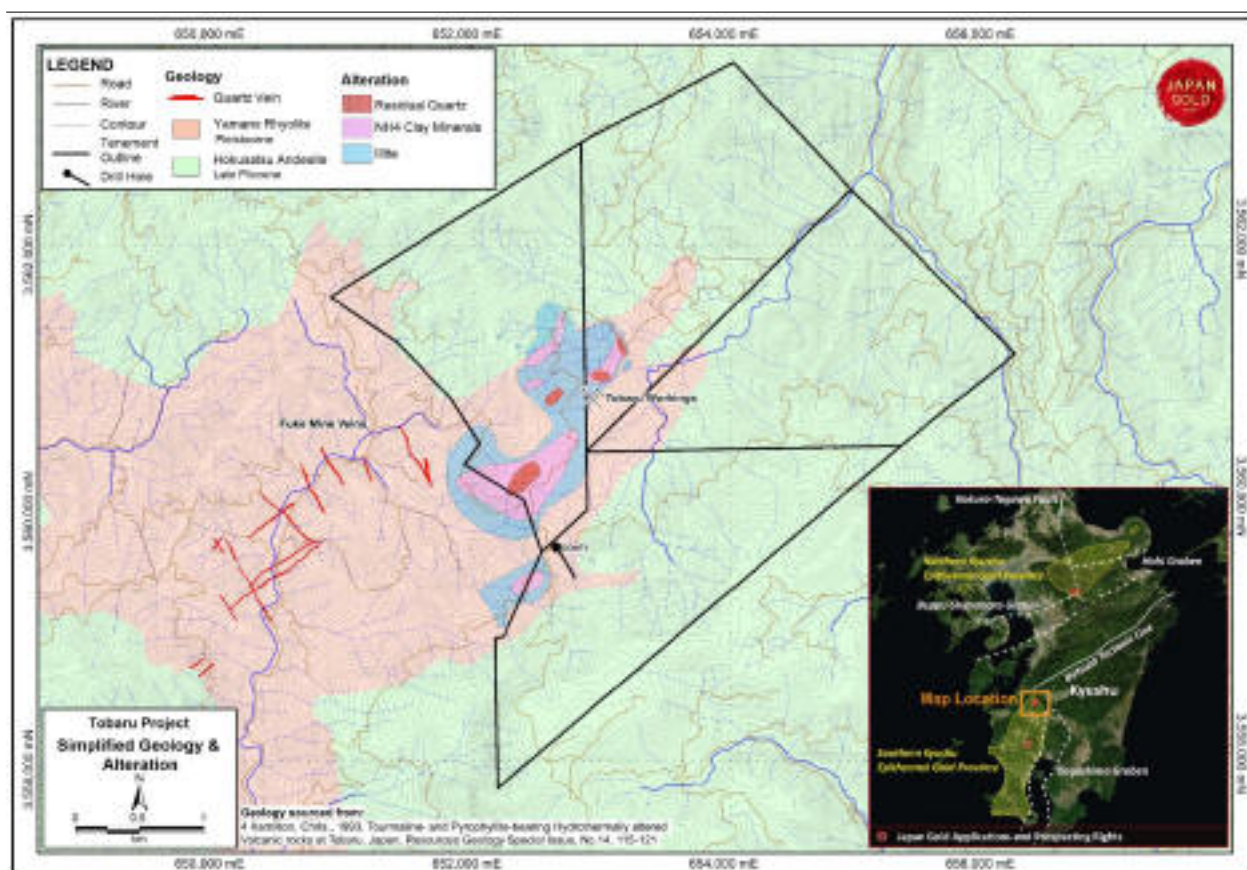


Figure 2: Tobaru Project area with Simplified Geology and Alteration.

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