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Vista Gold Corp. Announces Inaugural ESG Report

Denver, Colorado, March 1, 2024 – Vista Gold Corp. (NYSE American and TSX: VGZ) ("Vista" or the "Company") is proud to announce the publication of its inaugural Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Report. The ESG Report provides transparency and outlines progress on the Company's ESG performance in 2023, and goals and key initiatives for the coming year.

Frederick H. Earnest, President and CEO of Vista, commented, "I am pleased to announce the publication of our first ESG Report and to share our perspectives and plans for the journey ahead. We recognize the importance of conducting our business in a responsible and sustainable manner, and we are fully committed to aligning our business practices with current and evolving ESG principles to ensure the long-term success and positive impact of our operations."

The Company also announces that it will be attending the 2024 Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada ("PDAC") convention March 3-6, 2024, in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Management will be meeting with shareholders, investors, industry peers, and the media during the convention. Vista invites all those attending PDAC to visit the management team at booth #2235 in the Investors Exchange to receive the latest updates on Vista and the Mt Todd gold project in Northern Territory, Australia.

Vista's inaugural ESG Report is available on the Company's website at www.vistagold.com and copies will be available at Vista's PDAC booth #2235.

About Vista Gold Corp.

Vista is a gold project developer. The Company's flagship asset is Mt Todd, located in the mining friendly jurisdiction of Northern Territory, Australia. Situated approximately 250 km southeast of Darwin, Mt Todd is one of the largest development stage opportunities in Australia and demonstrates compelling economics. All major environmental and operating permits necessary to initiate development of Mt Todd are in place.

Mt Todd benefits from its location in a leading mining jurisdiction and demonstrates multiple opportunities to add value through growth of mineral resources, staged development, and other de-risking activities.

For further information about Vista or Mt Todd, please contact Pamela Solly, Vice President of Investor Relations, at (720) 981-1185 or visit the Company's website at www.vistagold.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities laws. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this news release that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate

will or may occur in the future, including such things as our belief that the ESG Report provides transparency and outlines progress on the Company's ESG performance in 2023, and goals and key initiatives for the coming year; our belief that Mt Todd is one of the largest development stage opportunities in Australia and demonstrates compelling economics; our belief that Mt Todd benefits from its location in a leading mining jurisdiction; and our belief that Mt Todd demonstrates multiple opportunities to add value through growth of mineral resources, staged development, and other de-risking activities are forward-looking statements and forward-looking information. The material factors and assumptions used to develop the forward-looking statements and forward-looking information contained in this news release include the following: our forecasts and expected cash flows; our projected capital and operating costs; our expectations regarding mining and metallurgical recoveries; mine life and production rates; that laws or regulations impacting mine development or mining activities will remain consistent; our approved business plans, our mineral resource and reserve estimates and results of preliminary economic assessments; preliminary feasibility studies and feasibility studies on our projects, if any; our experience with regulators; political and social support of the mining industry in Australia; our experience and knowledge of the Australian mining industry and our expectations of economic conditions and the price of gold. When used in this news release, the words "optimistic," "potential," "indicate," "expect," "intend," "hopes," "believe," "may," "will," "if," "anticipate" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements and forward-looking information. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such statements, Such factors include, among others, uncertainty of resource and reserve estimates, uncertainty as to the Company's future operating costs and ability to raise capital; risks relating to cost increases for capital and operating costs; risks of shortages and fluctuating costs of equipment or supplies; risks relating to fluctuations in the price of gold; the inherently hazardous nature of mining-related activities; potential effects on our operations of environmental regulations in the countries in which it operates; risks due to legal proceedings; risks relating to political and economic instability in certain countries in which it operates; uncertainty as to the results of bulk metallurgical test work; and uncertainty as to completion of critical milestones for Mt Todd; as well as those factors discussed under the headings "Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed in February 2023, subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and other documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Although we have attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements and forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements or forwardlooking information; whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.