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Vista Gold Corp. Announces Appointment of President and Chief Operating Officer

Denver, Colorado, August 1, 2007 - Vista Gold Corp. (TSX & AMEX: VGZ) is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Frederick H. Earnest to President and Chief Operating Officer effective August 1, 2007. Mr. Earnest and Gregory G. Marlier, Chief Financial Officer, will continue reporting to Mike Richings, Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Richings, who prior to the promotion of Mr. Earnest, also held the title of President, will focus his efforts on corporate planning and strategy. Mr. Earnest joined Vista in September 2006 as Senior Vice President, Project Development, and has over 20 years previous experience in the mining industry, including the management of the development and operation of gold mines. The management change reflects Vista's increasing emphasis on the development of its most advanced gold projects: Paredones Amarillos, Mt. Todd and Yellow Pine.

Mike Richings, Vista CEO, commented, "Since joining Vista, Fred has demonstrated excellent management and executive skills, appropriate to his new position. The increasing management demands of developing three major projects necessitate the change and will allow me to focus on potential growth and value-adding opportunities for the Corporation."

About Vista Gold Corp.

Since 2001, Vista has acquired a number of discovered gold projects with the expectation that higher gold prices would significantly increase their value. As gold prices have risen, Vista has completed various preliminary evaluations that have demonstrated that some of the projects would be potentially viable operations at today's gold prices. Currently, Vista is undertaking technical programs to bring the most advanced projects to the point where decisions can be made to put these projects into production, either by Vista, or through sale or joint venture to other mining companies. Vista's holdings include the Paredones Amarillos and Guadalupe de los Reyes Projects in Mexico, Mt. Todd Project in Australia, Yellow Pine Project in Idaho, Awak Mas Project in Indonesia, Long Valley Project in California, and the Amayapampa Project in Bolivia.

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