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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Volcanic is pleased to announce new exploration and management team to advance Guatemala gold and silver projects**

**January 5, 2021** – Vancouver, British Columbia – Volcanic Gold Mines Inc. (TSXV: VG) is pleased to announce a new management and exploration team dedicated to advancing its gold and silver projects in Guatemala.

Simon Ridgway, founder and director of Volcanic, will take over management of the Company as CEO and President. Simon has extensive knowledge of Guatemala, both geological and socio-political, having been one of the first modern gold explorers to work in the country. Simon has led his geological teams to the discovery of several gold deposits in Central America and is keen to repeat those successes.

Simon Ridgway comments: “Volcanic’s Guatemala gold and silver projects have been waiting for several years for the right political and market conditions, and the time is now. Volcanic is well financed and we look forward to exploring Holly, Banderas and the regional projects aggressively this year.”

Volcanic is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Exploration Manager, Matthew Booth who will reside in Guatemala and manage the exploration, drilling and local geological team. Matt has a MSc Mineral Exploration from University of Leicester and 19 years field exploration experience, predominantly in Latin America. He was recently Exploration Manager for Golden Minerals in Mexico. Volcanic has assembled an expert team of local and international geologists, community relations experts and logistics personnel, and has significant drilling and exploration programs planned for this year.

Charles Straw, Volcanic’s former CEO, has done a great job in negotiating the Radius - Volcanic joint venture and financing the Company, and the Board thanks him for his efforts. Charles will remain an active director of the Company.

Volcanic is also pleased to welcome Derek Liu who was recently elected as an additional member of the Board of Directors. Derek is a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia and has an MBA from Laurentian University. He has held senior accounting positions at a number of public Canadian mining companies for the past several years and is currently Chief Financial Officer of Silvercorp Metals Inc. which is a significant shareholder of the Company.

## **About Volcanic**

Volcanic brings together an experienced and successful mining, exploration and capital markets team focused on building multi-million ounce gold and silver resources in underexplored countries. Through the strategic acquisition of mineral properties with demonstrated potential for hosting gold and silver resources, and by undertaking effective exploration and drill programs, Volcanic intends to become a leading gold-silver company.

For further information, visit our website at [www.volgold.com](http://www.volgold.com).

## **Volcanic Gold Mines Inc.**

Simon Ridgway, President and CEO

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