

**TORONTO, May 18 /CNW/ - Atlanta Gold Inc. (TSXV: ATG)** announces that it has mobilized drilling crews and equipment and commenced the 2010 exploration program at its Atlanta Gold Project currently in development near Atlanta, Idaho. The Company plans to complete 37,000 to 55,000 feet (11,000 to 17,000 metres) of diamond drilling utilizing two drill rigs.

The objectives of this program are to upgrade the confidence category of resources defined during previous drill campaigns, increase the known resource and further refine the geological model. The Company expects to extend the mineralized system, complete in-fill and definition drilling in preparation for an updated Block Model by the fall and an independent NI 43-101 resource calculation by the year-end.

As previously announced, in March 2009 prior to this drill program, the Company completed an internal NI 43-101 Technical Report and Resource Estimate which estimated the total Measured and Indicated resource for Atlanta to be 3.0 million tons above cut-off grades of 0.05 ounces per ton (opt) gold for the mini-pit resource and 0.10 opt gold for the underground resource with an average grade of 0.154 opt gold and 0.357 opt silver, that contain 460,338 ounces of gold and 1,069,900 ounces of silver, respectively, or approximately 474,900 equivalent ounces of gold (including silver resources as a gold equivalent).

The exploration program will focus on the 11,400 foot (3,475 metre) long, 30-120 foot (9-37 metre) wide Atlanta Shear Zone which has a surface expression that extends from surface to a known vertical depth of 1,850 feet (564 metres) with numerous splays branching off to the northwest and southeast of the main Shear. The Company also plans to further investigate possible satellite mineralization systems in areas surrounding the main Shear.

The Company has prioritized surface accessible targets in the 2010 program and will conduct underground drilling from the historic 900 Adit when it has been rehabilitated.

The Company will assay all future drill holes and re-assay historical core for gold and silver, and on a selective basis for evidence of tungsten and other potential by-products.

The Company intends to complete and assay 1,400 feet (427 metres) of trenches and sampling and to assay approximately 1,000 soil samples to further evaluate the near surface potential of the Atlanta Shear Zone.

During the 2010 exploration program, independent Advanced Scoping and Pre-Feasibility Studies, geotechnical drilling and mapping, as well as additional metallurgical test work, environmental baseline sampling and collaboration with local communities, environmental, regulatory and other stakeholders will be continuing.

#### **Qualified Person**

Information of a technical nature in this news release regarding Atlanta has been reviewed by Fred Brown, CPG PrSciNat and Eugene Puritch, P.Eng. of P&E Mining Consultants Inc. who are designated "Qualified Persons" under National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Brown is a registered professional geologist in the United States and South Africa and Mr. Puritch is a registered professional engineer in the provinces of Ontario and Saskatchewan.

## **About the Company**

**Atlanta Gold Inc. (TSXV: ATG)** holds through its 100% owned subsidiary, Atlanta Gold Corporation, leases, options or ownership interests in its Atlanta properties which comprise approximately 2,197 acres located 65 miles east of Boise, in Elmore County, Idaho. A long history of mining makes Atlanta very suitable for development of new mining projects.

The Company is focused on advancing its core asset, Atlanta, towards mine development and production and on acquiring, exploring and developing other attractive gold projects.

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