



Dear Shareholders,

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With the start of a New Year, it is a good time to reflect back upon the Company's successes of 2017 and to update you on Banyan's strategy and the path forward for 2018.

Banyan is a gold exploration company focused on multi-million ounce potential projects in good jurisdictions. We are currently focused on projects in the Yukon where the Majors have made significant investments in early stage and advanced exploration projects. In the last few years, it is evident that there is a deficiency in quality gold projects and the Majors have been seeking out new projects in new areas through stakes in select juniors. Banyan's strategy remains the advancement and acquisition of top tier projects that can be advanced to the stage where they are acquired or joint ventured, adding significant value for shareholders.

At present, Banyan has two high quality projects, both of which have existing access infrastructure. The 100% owned Hyland Gold Project, the more advanced of the two, has an existing maiden Inferred Resource as stated below. In 2017, we acquired the Aurex Property from Victoria Gold Corp. and the McQuesten Property from Alexco Resources Corp. The properties, referred to as the "Aur-Mac" Project, have now had their collective databases combined and are being explored, for the first time ever as a single, contiguous land package. Management believes both these projects have the regional potential to host multi-million ounce gold-silver deposits.

Hyland Gold Project

The Hyland Gold Project ("Hyland") has a Main Zone Inferred Gold Resource Estimate (2012), prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, at a 0.6g/t gold equivalent cut-off, containing 12,503,994 tonnes with 361,692 ounces gold at 0.9g/t and 2,248,948 ounces silver at 5.59g/t for a combined gold and silver 396,468 ounces gold equivalent at 0.99g/t.

The 2017 year's exploration efforts had a two-fold focus; 1) on increasing confidence in the Main Zone Resource model and 2) targeting resource expansion via testing the northern extension of the Main Zone, a previously under-tested zone prospective for the continuation of the Main Zone gold-silver mineralization. The 2017 exploration program was completed at the end of September and culminated with 3,850m of diamond drilling from 25 drill holes that included in-fill drilling, step-out exploration and dedicated metallurgical drilling concentrated on the Main Zone which resulted in extending the zone by >300m.

In addition to diamond drilling at the Main Zone this season, a 640m trench program targeted the on-surface mineralization of the Main Zone and greatly assisted subsequent drill efforts in the northern extent of the Main Zone, an area historically inaccessible due to previous lack of on-site heavy equipment. Additional trenches were also constructed at the Camp Zone, which returned equally positive results. The strike of the anomalous gold-arsenic anomaly from the currently defined south end of the Main Zone and to the north end of the Camp Zone is approximately 2.5km.

Hyland 2017 Exploration Highlights

- Diamond Drilling Highlights (extend mineralization over 300m to the North)

HY17-051: 15.3m of 0.99g/t Au and 4.3g/t Ag
HY17-054: 36.24m of 1.3g/t Au and 2.54g/t Ag
HY17-055: 57.4m of 0.9g/t Au and 3.3g/t Ag
HY17-056: 94.6m of 0.7g/t Au and 7.0g/t Ag
HY17-057: 46.0m of 1.6g/t Au and 6.5g/t Ag
HY17-059 27.4m of 1.26g/t Au and 4.11g/t Ag
HY17-065 54.0m of 0.93g/t Au and 5.99g/t Ag
HY17-067 38.8m of 1.18g/t Au and 3.32g/t Ag
HY17-068 66.6m of 0.73g/t Au and 6.1g/t Ag
HY17-075 70.0 m of 0.8 g/t Au and 6.6 g/t Ag

*true widths of drill intervals: HY17-59-75, 60-70%, HY 17-67&69, 75, 80-90% and HY-68 -100%

- Metallurgical test work (2 dedicated diamond drill holes) returned 83.3% gold recoveries from oxide, advanced column leach test work ongoing
- Trenches on the Main Zone have extended the known on-surface mineralization by over 150m

TR17-04: 116m of 1.19g/t Au and 13.16g/t Ag
TR17-02: 56m of 1.42g/t Au and 3.94g/t Ag
TR17-07: 22m of 1.47g/t Au and 49.98g/t Ag
TH17-06B: 6m of 1.15g/t Au and 16.23g/t Ag

- Camp Zone: trenching extends known mineralization on-surface for 200m to the north
- Structural mapping
- Geochemical soil survey identified new targets in under explored areas of the 186km² large property
- Class III Exploration Permit in place for 10 years (valid to April 2027)

Going forward into 2018, we have contracted Allan Armitage, Ph.D., P.Geo., Senior Resource Geologist of SGS Canada Inc. to complete an updated Main Zone Resource Model calculation, which we expect to be completed in the first quarter of 2018.

Our strategy for 2018, based upon the above, is to complete another major exploration program at Hyland focusing on identifying the feeder system(s) for this extensive regional scale mineralization and follow-up on additional targets on the 18km Quartz Lineament to advance the project and validate the hypothesis of the property's multi-million ounce potential.

Aur-Mac Project

The Aurex and McQuesten are contiguous properties, together comprising 9,230 hectares. The Property is highly prospective for intrusion-related gold mineralization and includes areas of historic gold production (lode and placer), in the prolific Mayo Mining District.

This claim group provides a unique opportunity to combine a substantial amount of historic exploration data to generate a consolidated exploration target model across a previously independently explored project boundary.

Banyan has completed the data compilation of the databases provided by Alexco Resource and Victoria Gold and Banyan's inaugural exploration program in the summer of 2017 consisted of a property wide geochemical soil surveys (1,114 soil samples), 464m of trench sampling, inclusive of the reopening/remapping of historic trenches (235 trench samples) along with a 1,422m diamond drill program from 10 holes. We will use the information garnered from this exploration program to understand the structural and mineralogical controls of the gold mineralization to plan the next field exploration program on this property.

At the end of December 2017, Banyan completed its first year earn-in requirements and has minimal work requirements for this coming year.

Corporate

In 2017, we greatly strengthened our Board through the addition of Steve Burleton and David Reid. Steve Burleton was the Vice-President of Business Development at Richmond Mines Inc., which was taken over by Alamos Gold Inc. for US\$770M. David Reid is a senior partner and global co-chair of mining with DLA Piper (Canada) LLP. Together, they bring a wealth of capital market experience, mergers and acquisition knowledge, and securities law to the Board.

Further, Banyan completed over \$2M in corporate financing activities in 2017. These placements brought with it two important strategic partners in the form of Alexco Resources Corp. and Victoria Gold Corp. It also brought in well-recognized industry veterans who we believe are long term shareholders.

With the new Resource Model calculation eminent in this first quarter 2018, we will be out marketing at the following events:

- January 21 - 22: Vancouver Resource Investment Conference – Booth 312
- January 24 - 25: Core Shack at AMEBC Roundup – Booth 720
- February 9 - 10: Whistler Capital Conference
- February 26 - 28: BMO Metals & Mining Conference
- March 4 - 5: PDAC Core Shack
- March 6 - 7: PDAC Investor Forum
Precious Metals One-on-One Meetings
- September 20 - 22: Beaver Creek Precious Metals Summit

Our expectation is that 2018 will be banner year for your Company. We thank each of you for your continued support in making Banyan the next Yukon success story.

ON BEHALF OF BANYAN GOLD CORPORATION

(signed) "Tara Christie"

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