

BANYAN GOLD CORP. CLOSES \$500,000 NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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BANYAN GOLD CORP. ("Banyan" or "The Company"), announces that it has closed a non-brokered private placement of \$500,000 (the "Private Placement").

The Private Placement, which encompasses the previous announcement on February 20, 2019, consists of the issuance of 2,270,000 Flow Through common shares ("FTS") (within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada)) at a subscription price of \$0.05 per FTS and 7,730,000 units ("Units") at a subscription price of \$0.05 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of \$500,000.

Each Unit is comprised of one common share (each, a "Common Share") and one Common Share purchase warrant (each, a "Warrant"). Each whole Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.075 for a period of 24 months following the date of issue.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Private Placement for advancing the Company's mineral exploration and development projects, and for general corporate purposes.

In connection with the closing of the Private Placement, the Company will pay a cash finder's fee in the amount of \$9,375.

Certain insiders of the Company participated in the first tranche of the Private Placement for \$69,000 in Units. Such participation represents a related-party transaction under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"), but the transaction is exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 as neither the fair market value of the subject matter of the transaction, nor the consideration paid, exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

Under applicable Canadian securities laws, all securities issued pursuant to the first tranche of the Private Placement are subject to, among other things, a statutory hold period of four months and one day. The Private Placement remains subject to the final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX-V").

Technical Information

The technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Paul D. Gray, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

About Banyan Gold

Banyan Gold is focused on gold exploration projects that have the geological potential, size of land package and proximity to infrastructure that is advantageous for a mineral project to have potential to become a mine. Our Yukon based projects both fit this model and our objective is to gain shareholder value by advancing projects in our pipeline.

The Hyland Gold Project, located 70km NE of Watson Lake, Yukon, along the southeast end of the Tintina Gold Belt is a sediment hosted, structurally controlled, intrusion related gold deposit, with a large land package (over 125 sq. km), with the resource contained in the Main Zone area (900x600m) daylighting at surface and numerous other known surface gold targets. The Main Zone oxide zone is amenable to heap leach open pit mining, with column leach recoveries of 86%. The project has an existing gravel access road.

The Hyland Main Zone Indicated Gold Resource Estimate, prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, at a 0.3 g/t gold equivalent cutoff, contains 8.6 million tonnes grading 0.85 g/t *AuEq* for **236,000** *AuEq ounces* with an Inferred Mineral Resource of 10.8 million tonnes grading 0.83 g/t *AuEq* for **288,000** *AuEq ounces*.

Cut-off Grade	In situ Tonnes	Au		Ag		AuEq	
(AuEq g/t)		Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs
Indicated							
0.3	8,637,000	0.78	216,000	7.04	1,954,000	0.85	236,000
Inferred							
0.3	10,784,000	0.77	266,000	5.32	1,845,000	0.83	288,000

⁽¹⁾ Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate.

The 9,230 ha Aurex-McQuesten Property, in close proximity to Victoria Gold's Eagle Project and Alexco Resource's Keno Hill Silver District, is highly prospective for structurally controlled, intrusion related gold-silver mineralization in relation to quartz monzonite dykes of the Tombstone intrusive suite. The property hosts numerous known gold targets and Banyan has developed a mineralization model at the McQuesten Gold target, located adjacent to the main Yukon highway and on the access road to the Victoria Gold heap leach mine.

Banyan trades on the TSX-Venture Exchange under the symbol "BYN". For more information, please visit the corporate website at www.BanyanGold.com or contact the Company.

⁽²⁾ Mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.3 g/t AuEq. AuEq grade is based on \$1,350.00/oz Au, \$17.00/oz Ag and assumes a 100% recovery. The AuEq calculation does not apply any adjustment factors for difference in metallurgical recoveries of gold and silver. This information can only be derived from definitive metallurgical testing which has yet to be completed.

ON BEHALF OF BANYAN GOLD CORPORATION

(signed) "Tara Christie"

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