



## **Avidian Updates Non-Brokered Private Placement**

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TORONTO, Ontario, May 12, 2021 – Avidian Gold Corp. (“**Avidian**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX-V: AVG & OTCQB: AVGDF) is pleased to announce an update to the terms of the private placement announced on April 26, 2021 (the “**Offering**”). The Offering will include the sale of common shares issued on a “flow-through” basis pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the “**FT Shares**”) at a price of \$0.18 per FT Share, for gross proceeds of up to \$2,500,000. The remainder of the Offering will comprise the sale of units of the Company (“**Units**”) at a price of \$0.15 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$6,000,000 when combined with the sale of FT Shares. Units will consist of one common share and a half share warrant (a “**Warrant**”). Each full Warrant will now entitle the holder to acquire a common share at \$0.20 for thirty-six (36) months.

The net proceeds from the Offering shall be primarily used by Avidian in Alaska for resource delineation of the Amanita project, adjacent to the Fort Knox mine, and expansion of the existing resource at the Breccia Pipe deposit in the district-scale Golden Zone project. At Amanita, Avidian will focus on drill delineation of mineralized, oxidized gold trends identified in 2020. Resource expansion at the Golden Zone’s Breccia Pipe Deposit will be carried out through a cost-effective reverse circulation drill program. Funding for Avidian’s majority-controlled High Tide Resources Corp. “High Tide” will be done through a step-down arrangement of flow-through shares, allowing for resource development to proceed at the Labrador West iron ore project and at the Lac Pegma EV metals project in Quebec, Canada. Funds will also be used for general and administrative expenses. Avidian reserves the right to up-size the Offering by 25%.

While Avidian had planned to take High Tide public in the first half of 2021, the Board of Directors of Avidian determined that going public under the terms proposed, would have resulted in excessive dilution to existing High Tide shareholders, Avidian currently holding approximately 55%. By allowing High Tide’s Board and Management team to further advance the Labrador West Iron Ore project and the Lac Pegma Copper-Nickel-Cobalt project in a rapidly strengthening base metals market, it is the opinion of the Board that a significant increase in value can be achieved resulting in less dilution to existing shareholders when High Tide does go public. At the conclusion of the Offering Avidian will hold approximately a 70% interest in High Tide. Plans to take High Tide public will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The Offering is conditional upon receipt of required regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. The securities issued pursuant to the Offering, as well as any compensation options issued to finders, will be subject to four months and a day statutory hold

period in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws. The Offering is expected to close on or about May 28, 2021.

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### **About Avidian Gold Corp.**

Avidian brings a disciplined and veteran team of project managers together with a focus on advanced stage gold exploration projects in Alaska. Avidian's Golden Zone project hosts a NI 43-101 indicated gold resource of 267,400 ounces (4,187,000 tonnes at 1.99 g/t Au) plus an inferred gold resource of 35,900 ounces (1,353,000 tonnes at 0.83 g/t Au)\*. Additional projects include the Amanita and the Amanita NE gold properties which are both adjacent to Kinross Gold's Fort Knox gold mine in Alaska, and the Jungo gold-copper property in Nevada. \*Technical Report on the Golden Zone Property, August 17, 2017, L. McGarry P.Geo & I. Trinder P.Geo, A.C.A Howe International Ltd.

High Tide is a private corporation that is focused on, and committed to, the development of advanced-stage mineral projects in Canada using industry best practices combined with a strong social license from local communities. High Tide is earning a 100% interest the Labrador West Iron project located adjacent to IOC/Rio Tinto's 23 mtpy Carol Lake Mine in Labrador City, Labrador and owns a 100% interest in the Lac Pegma Copper-Nickel-Cobalt deposit located 50 kilometres southeast of Fermont, Quebec. High Tide is majority controlled by Avidian.

Further details on the Company and the individual projects, including the NI 43-101 Technical reports on the Golden Zone property and Labrador West Iron property can be found on the Company's website at [www.avidiangold.com](http://www.avidiangold.com).

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