



Avidian Commences Exploration at the Golden Zone Project in Alaska

TORONTO, Ontario, July 19, 2021 – Avidian Gold Corp. (“**Avidian**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX-V: AVG & OTCQB: AVGDF) is pleased to announce that the Company has received its 5-year exploration permit and has commenced exploration activities at the district scale (125.5 sq. km) Golden Zone Project in south-central Alaska. The property is strategically located midway between Anchorage and Fairbanks and only 10 km west of paved State Highway 3, the Alaska Railroad and the 345 kV Alaska Intertie power lines.

The summer 2021 Golden Zone exploration program highlights include;

- Approximately 1000 line-km of a drone-magnetic airborne magnetometer survey
- Up to 5,000 m of RC drilling
- Mapping and prospecting to expand the regional gold and copper discoveries made in 2019

Pioneer Exploration Consultants Ltd. have been contracted and are currently on-site conducting a high-resolution drone airborne magnetometer survey over key portions of the property that were not flown last summer. The 2021 program will expand upon the 588.7-line km drone-mag survey flown last year and will aid in further refining drill targets that will be tested this summer.

Avidian geologists have commenced detailed field mapping, prospecting and sampling on select locations in order to follow up on previous reconnaissance mapping and sampling initiatives that yielded highly anomalous gold and copper results, (JJ-J4 and MJ discovery areas - grab samples of 5.17 g/t Au and 4.2 g/t Au plus 2.77% Cu and Silver Kitty discovery - grab sample of 12.5 g/t Au). Targets identified could be drill tested as soon as this summer. *It should be noted that, due to their selective nature, assay results from grab samples noted above may not be representative of the overall grade and extent of mineralization on the subject areas.*

The Company has contracted Midnight Sun Drilling (‘MSD’) for a reverse circulation (‘RC’) drill program expected to commence in early August. MSD is providing a brand-new track mounted RC rig capable of rapidly drilling to a depth of approximately 250 metres. All the targets selected for this stage of the program are road or trail accessible making moves very quick and efficient. The program budget allows for approximately 5,000 metres of drilling.

The primary objective of the drill program is to follow up on an area known as Mayflower Extension Zone (“MEZ”) which lies to the northeast of the Breccia Pipe deposit and is believed to have the highest potential to add ounces to the Breccia Pipe Deposit. Previous drilling by Avidian at the MEZ returned **21.6 m grading 1.46 g/t Au** in a conglomeratic unit and **17.7 m grading 2.12 g/t Au** in the same conglomerate unit on a 50-meter step out hole (see press release August 19, 2019).

Drilling will also focus on the Copper King prospect approximately 4 kms to the south of the Breccia Pipe Deposit. The program is designed to follow up on a previous exploration campaign (see press release August 19, 2019) that yielded:

- **9.1 m grading 8.71 g/t Au, 80.8 g/t Ag and 3.57% Cu** from 3.9 m to 13.0 m in drill hole CK18-01
- A surface trench (T18-09) located in the same vicinity as hole CK18-01 returned **30.0 m grading 2.24 g/t Au, 67.2 g/t Ag and 2.79% Cu**
- **3.0 m grading 16.08 g/t Au, 50.6 g/t Ag and 0.78% Cu** was encountered in a trench located 750 m south of the high-grade Copper King mineralization, which attests to the size of the mineralizing system in the Copper King/Long Creek area. This mineralization is located on the southern flank of a large CSAMT anomaly and is hosted in a conglomeratic unit.

The Company will provide complete details of the summer 2021 Golden Zone exploration program, including the drilling plan, within the next two to three weeks.

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.

Avidian's majority controlled High Tide Resources 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.

Qualified Person

The technical information contained in this news release has been approved by Dr. Tom Setterfield, P.Geo., Vice President Exploration of Avidian, who is a Qualified Person as defined in "National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects."

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