



Avidian Gold Announces Closing of Private Placement

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TORONTO, Ontario, December 15, 2022 – Avidian Gold Corp. (“**Avidian**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX- V: AVG) is pleased to announce that it has closed the second and final tranche (the “**Second Tranche**”) of its non-brokered private placement (the “**Offering**”) offering of units of the Company (the “**Units**”), previously announced on October 17, 2022, November 25, 2022 and December 2, 2022. The total gross proceeds of the Offering were \$404,230 and an aggregate of 11,549,429 Units were sold under the Offering at a price of C\$0.035 per Unit (the “**Issue Price**”). An aggregate of 5,378,715 Units for gross proceeds of \$188,255 were sold under the first tranche of the Offering (the “**First Tranche**”) and an aggregate of 6,170,714 Units for gross proceeds of \$215,975 were sold under the Second Tranche.

Each Unit is comprised of one common share of the Company (a “**Common Share**”) and one Common Share purchase warrant (a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share (a “**Warrant Share**”) at an exercise price of \$0.06 per Warrant Share for a period of twenty-four (24) months following the closing of the applicable tranche of the Offering.

The net proceeds of the Offering are expected to be used as follows: approximately 57% of the net proceeds from of the Offering will be used to pay state claim fees and annual property payments for the Corporation’s mineral properties in Alaska and Nevada, as applicable, approximately 16% of the net proceeds from the Offering will be used for the exploration and development of Avidian’s advanced-stage gold & gold-copper mineral properties in Alaska and Nevada and the remaining 27% for general and administrative expenses. It is not expected that any of the net proceeds of the Offering will be used for payments to Non-Arm’s Length Parties (as defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**TSXV**”)) of the Company nor to any persons conducting Investor Relations Activities (as defined in the policies of the TSXV).

Certain insiders of the Company (the “**Insiders**”) acquired an aggregate of 1,585,715 Units under the Offering, with Insiders acquiring 1,485,715 Units under the First Tranche and 100,000 Units under the Second Tranche. The participation of the Insiders in the Offering constitutes a "related party transaction" as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions (“**MI 61-101**”). The Company is exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 in respect of such insider participation because neither the fair market value of the Offering nor the fair market value of the consideration for the Units paid by the Insiders exceeds 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

In connection with the Offering, the Company paid commissions to certain finders of an aggregate of \$9,998 in cash and 285,657 finders warrants (each, a “**Finder Warrant**”). Under the First Tranche, \$2,800 was paid and 80,000 Finders Warrants were issued and under the Second Tranche, \$7,198 was paid and 205,657 Finders Warrants were issued. Each Finder Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share (a “**Finder Share**”) at a price of \$0.05 per Finder Share for a period of twenty-four (24) months following the closing of the applicable tranche of the Offering.

The closing of the Offering is subject to the receipt of all required regulatory approvals including the approval of the TSXV. All securities issued and issuable pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a hold period of four months and one day from the date of issuance in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the securities in the United States of America. The securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (the “**1933 Act**”) or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to U.S. Persons (as defined in the 1933 Act) unless registered under the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws, or an exemption from such registration is available.

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. The Company’s district-scale Golden Zone property 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) within the Breccia Pipe Deposit. This resource is exposed on the surface and was pit constrained for an open-pit mining scenario. The Technical Report was filed on November 17, 2017, and was authored by Leon McGarry, B.Sc., P.Geo. and Ian D. Trinder, M.Sc., P.Geo. 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.

Avidian is a major shareholder in High Tide Resources (CSE: HTRC) which 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 in 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 km southeast of Fermont, Quebec.

Further details on the Company and the individual projects, including the NI 43-101 Technical reports on the Golden Zone property can be found on the Company’s website at www.avidiangold.com.

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