



BANYAN GOLD ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION 2017 EXPLORATION PROGRAM FOR THE COMPANY'S FLAGSHIP HYLAND GOLD PROJECT

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BANYAN GOLD CORP. (“**Banyan**” or the “**Company**”) announces a \$1 million advanced exploration program budget for the Company's 100-per-cent-owned Hyland Gold Project.

“This season’s drilling program at the 100% owned Hyland Gold Project will focus on the meaningfully advancement of the current N.I. 43-101 compliant ~400,000 ounce grading 0.99 g/t AuEq on-surface Main Zone inferred resource as well as test the growing Camp and Montrose Ridge Zones on the Property”, stated Tara Christie, President and CEO. “The past four seasons of exploration work at Hyland have highlighted the District Scale mineral potential of the Property, and we believe now is the right time to focus on the Main Zone gold resource to generate maximum shareholder value for our Company.”

HYLAND GOLD PROJECT – 2017 Exploration

The 2017 Hyland Gold Project program will begin in mid-July after the Phase I Aurex-McQuesten program is completed and will continue through September. 4,000 metres of diamond drilling is planned for the Main and Camp Zones in the “Hyland North” portion of the Property. Additional targeted surface trenches and soils geochemical surveys are planned for this area with a concentration on the Camp Zone. Diamond drilling initiatives will be focused on the Hyland Main Zone towards an update of the existing N.I. 43-101 compliant inferred resource as well as continuing to test mineralization targets in the Camp Zone including following up on the 2016 discovery in trench CZ-16-01 which returned 96 metres grading 0.64 gram per tonne gold from zero metres to 96 metres, including 56 metres grading 1.03 grams per tonne gold from zero metres to 56 metres of a broad fault zone consisting of predominantly gouge and brecciated clastic units of the Hyland Formation (See Company News Release dated November 3, 2016).

In the “Hyland South” area, exploration will continue to build out the District-Scale mineralization potential of the Hyland Property through reconnaissance level geochemical sampling to cover areas that have never been soil sampled as well as targeted grid based geochemical surveys over defined geochemical soil anomalies. Exploration focus in these areas has been bolstered by a comprehensive structural analysis of the Property-wide LiDAR survey completed in the Fall of 2016 and several targets deemed prospective for hosting structurally-related mineralization have been identified.

The program is well supported by an existing 35-person camp, pre-positioned drilling and heavy equipment and existing roads. Based on results as the program progress, the company will continue to examine funding opportunities to expand the 2017 Hyland Gold exploration program.

The Hyland Gold Project lies in the Selwyn Basin a prolific geological domain that hosts ATAC Rackla Gold Project to the North and more locally, Golden Predator's 3 Aces project approximately 150 kilometers north.

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 is well financed growth stage gold exploration company whose flagship property, the Hyland Gold Project, is approximately 70km NE of Watson Lake, Yukon, along the southeast end of the Tintina Gold Belt. The Main Zone gold Inferred Resource, at a 0.6 g/t gold equivalent cutoff, hosts a NI 43-101 resource of 12,503,994 tonnes containing 361,692 ounces gold at 0.9 g/t and 2,248,948 ounces silver at 5.59 g/t for a combined gold and silver 396,468 ounces gold equivalent.

The newly acquired 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 perspective for structurally controlled, intrusion related gold-silver mineralization in relation to quartz monzonite dykes of the Tombstone intrusive suite.

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.

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