

Atikwa Minerals Corporation Completes \$1,000,000 Financing

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Atikwa Minerals Corporation (TSXV: ATK) ("**Atikwa**") is pleased to announce that it has completed a non-brokered private placement of 10,000,000 units (the "**units**") at \$0.10 each, for total gross proceeds of \$1,000,000. Each unit consists of one common share of Atikwa and one common share purchase warrant (the "**warrant**"). Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.15 until January 15, 2006. A cash finder's fee of \$100,000 was paid to Capitalpro International, Inc. All securities issued pursuant to the foregoing are subject to a four-month hold period.

Echo Gold Project

The 2003 trenching and surface sampling program was completed together with verification sampling of old drill core sections which confirmed the presence of good gold values over substantial core lengths (see November 13, 2003 news release).

Atikwa is now satisfied that the previous sampling records, both from surface work and the drilling campaigns of the 1980's by former operators, are accurate within acceptable limits.

Atikwa plans to continue its exploration in the Echo shaft area and in the G-2 zone located about two kilometres east-northeast of the Echo shaft.

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