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DESERT GOLD VENTURES INC. PROVIDES CORPORATE UPDATE ON ITS MALI OPERATIONS

Desert Gold Ventures Inc. ("Desert Gold" or "the Company") (TSX.V: DAU) October 20, 2015 is pleased to provide the following update regarding its operations in Mali.

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- Further to the co-operation agreement entered into with Alecto Minerals (LSE: ALO) ("Alecto"), as announced on 9 March 2015, to assess the potential for jointly developing their respective neighbouring gold prospects in Mali (the 'Co-operation Agreement'), the Company and Alecto have completed an internal study which envisions a low-cost gold heap leach operation combining Alecto's Kossanto East Gold Project and Desert Gold's Farabantourou Gold Prospect ("Farabantourou") (the "Study"). The Study is based on the known gold mineralization on the respective permits, namely Goubassi East ('GBRE') (JORC) and Goubassi West ('GBRW') (JORC) within Alecto's Farikounda Gold Permit ("Farikounda") which contains the Kossanto East Gold Project ('Kossanto East') and the Barani East prospect within Desert Gold's Farabantourou Gold Permit ('Farabantourou'). The results of the Study plan for the joint development of these prospects through heap leaching with a shared mining fleet and mobile crusher with a central gold recovery plant. The respective parties are very encouraged by the results of the Study and are therefore advancing discussions towards the finalization of a definitive joint venture agreement. For additional information please review the Alecto Minerals press release dated September 29, 2015.
- Further to the press release dated October 5, 2015, the Company intends to amend the report titled "A Technical Report on the Barani East Prospect, Kenieba District, Western Mali", dated September 16, 2014, (the "Amended Report") to be in compliance with NI 43-101 and to better reflect the intended development plan of Barani East. The Company intends to file this report within 60 days at which point it will be available on SEDAR and on the Company's website (www.desertgold.ca).

Ségala-West

- On September 6, 2015 the Company received official notice from the Direction Nationale de la Géologie et des Mines (DNGM), Mali, that its Ségala-Ouest Permit was successfully renewed for another two year term. The exploration permit will now expire on November 23, 2017, at which time the Company will seek to convert the exploration license into an exploitation license. The Ségala-Ouest permit is situated in the mining district of Kéniéba, West Mali, and is surrounded by several mines. West of the property are Randgold's Loulo-Gounkoto complex of mines and, to the east, Endeavour's Tabakoto and Ségala mines. Endeavour's Kofi and B2Gold's Fekola projects, soon to come into production, are located north and south of the permit, respectively. Exploration to date at Ségala Ouest includes a blanket cover of the permit with soil geochemistry. This work outlined a broad anomalous zone (2 to 3 km) traversing the property from the SE boundary to the NW boundary. Ground geophysical surveys, trenching and drilling were confined to the northern parts of the permit. In the south of the permit, a significant artisanal mining operation exploits a quartz vein

system to depths of 40m. The site is nearby the village of Baroya. Future work will focus on evaluating this section of the permit.

- The Company is also pleased to announce that it is now in possession of a drill rig; a Hydracore 2000. The rig is man portable and capable of diamond core drilling. Currently the rig is being serviced for regular maintenance before deployment later this year at the Company's Ségala-Ouest permit where it intends to conduct an extensive diamond drill program in the Southern area of the permit. The acquisition of this drill rig will allow the Company more flexibility in terms of its exploration programs and is a more economical alternative to retaining independent drill contractors.
- The Company is currently completing the first phase of a intended 3 phase exploration program for its Ségala-Ouest permit.
 - A comprehensive desktop study of all previous work on the property. This will be the basis for the up-coming field work.
 - Because of a lack of outcrop the company anticipates an intensive program of long trenching in key areas, including sites of known mineralization, in the southern parts of the permit. Particularly, around the Baroya artisanal mine. Trenches will be mapped and sampled for geochemical analyses.
 - Trench results will guide a diamond drill program. The company has budgeted a minimum of 15 drill holes to a maximum depth of 150 meters. Additional drilling will be contingent on successful results from the initial field work.

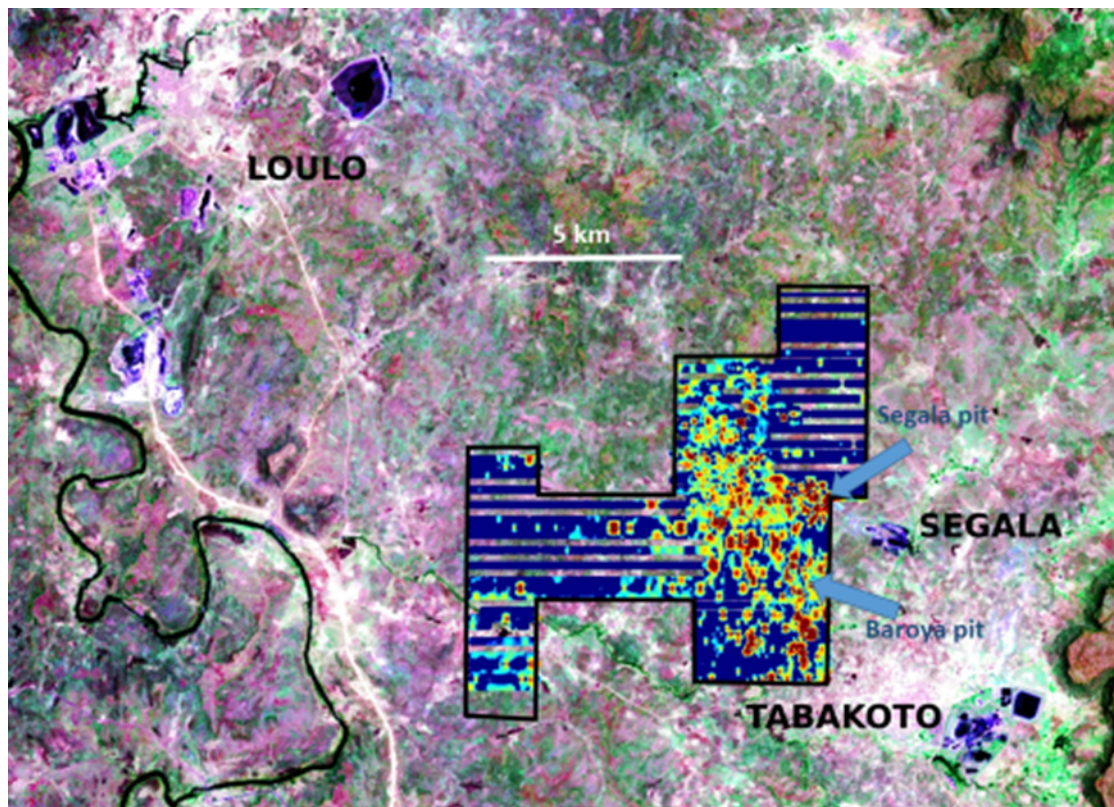


Figure 1. Locality plan of Ségala-Ouest in relation to the neighbouring mines. Infill colours are relative soil geochemical values: dark blue colors, background below 30 ppb Au; warm colors, reflect the spread of anomalous values. Cyan colored arrows point to extensive artisanal mining activity.

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