



BANYAN COMMENCES 2018 EXPLORATION PROGRAM AT HYLAND GOLD PROJECT, YUKON

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BANYAN GOLD CORP. (“Banyan” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the commencement of the 2018 field exploration season, with field-based trench, diamond drill and geochemical sampling programs planned for the Company's wholly-owned, flagship Hyland Gold Project located in Southeast Selwyn Basin, Yukon Territory.

“This season’s program on our Hyland Gold Project will focus on establishing the mineral continuity between the current N.I. 43-101 compliant resource at the Main Zone and the Camp Zone, an area never before tested”, stated Tara Christie, President and CEO. “We believe that a combination of targeted surface trenches and focused diamond drilling will lay the groundwork necessary to grow the current N.I. 43-101 compliant resource within the Quartz Lake Corridor and generate maximum shareholder value for our Company.”

The Hyland Project is dominated by the 18 km long north-south Quartz Lake Corridor (“QLC”) and is interpreted to be the dominant control for gold mineralization at Hyland. Of the 18 km long QLZ ~870m has been delineated by the current N.I. 43-101 compliant resource in the Main Zone, ~400m has been tested by 5 trenches and 3 drill holes in the Camp Zone. The ~850m section of the Quartz Lake Lineament between the Camp Zone and the Main Zone remains largely untested.

Planning and preparations for an active 2018 field season have begun with personnel slated to be mobilized to the Hyland Gold project beginning in mid-June. The program will target a previously inaccessible portions of the QLC for detailed trenches and a subsequent drill program designed to test the continuity of mineralization between the two Zones. Approximately 1,200 metres of diamond drilling from ten ~100m-spaced holes combined with >1,000 meters of trenches from 20 50m-spaced trenches is planned over this high-priority target area.

The proposed exploration programs are well supported by an existing 35-person camp and commiserate pre-positioned fuel, drill, and heavy equipment that were transported to the Hyland Gold Project in March 2018 by Banyan on the existing access trail. In addition to the equipment and consumables brought in on the winter trail, a secondary, fully equipped 25-person camp was mobilized to site and will be commissioned near the Main Zone.

Summary Maps of the proposed 2018 Hyland program will be made available on the Company’s website: www.banyangoldcorp.com

The Company plans to issue 200,000 stock options, to certain staff, with an exercise price of \$0.075 per share, pursuant to the Company’s Stock Option Plan.

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 a 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 Hyland Main Zone Indicated Gold Resource Estimate, prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, at a 0.3 g/t gold equivalent cutoff, contains 8.6 million tonnes grading 0.85 g/t AuEq for **236,000 AuEq ounces** with an Inferred Mineral Resource of 10.8 million tonnes grading 0.83 g/t AuEq for **288,000 AuEq ounces**.

Cut-off Grade (AuEq g/t)	In situ Tonnes	Au		Ag		AuEq	
		Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs
Indicated							
0.3	8,637,000	0.78	216,000	7.04	1,954,000	0.85	236,000
Inferred							
0.3	10,784,000	0.77	266,000	5.32	1,845,000	0.83	288,000

(1) Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate.

(2) Mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.3 g/t AuEq. AuEq grade is based on \$1,350.00/oz Au, \$17.00/oz Ag and assumes a 100% recovery. The AuEq calculation does not apply any adjustment factors for difference in metallurgical recoveries of gold and silver. This information can only be derived from definitive metallurgical testing which has yet to be completed.

The 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 prospective 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.

ON BEHALF OF BANYAN GOLD CORPORATION

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