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PILOT GOLD APPOINTS CAL EVERETT AS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO AND ANNOUNCES \$4.45 MILLION PRIVATE PLACEMENT

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Pilot Gold Inc. (PLG – TSX) (“Pilot Gold” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that Mr. Cal Everett has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective February 22, 2016. Mr. Everett has also been appointed as a Director of the Company.

Mr. Everett is a geologist with more than 14 years of surface and underground exploration experience with senior mining companies. He moved to the financial sector in 1990, and spent 12 years with BMO Nesbitt Burns focused on resource equities, and seven years with PI Financial Corp. in senior resource institutional sales and capital markets. From 2008 to 2015, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Axemen Resource Capital. Mr. Everett holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economic Geology from the University New Brunswick.

“We are extremely pleased to have Cal join Pilot Gold as CEO,” said Dr. Mark O’Dea, Chairman. “He has been instrumental in building value for resource companies throughout his career. His background in geology and exploration, along with his business acumen and deep experience in capital markets makes him ideally and uniquely suited for this exciting role. Under Cal’s leadership, we will immediately begin a concerted effort to drill off our Goldstrike property, an exceptional and important Carlin-style gold system in Utah.”

The Board wishes to extend its gratitude to Mr. Robert Pease for serving as interim President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Pease will remain with Pilot Gold as a Director.

Private Placement

The Company also announces that it intends to complete a non-brokered private placement (“the Private Placement”) of up to 17,800,000 units (“Units”) of the Company at a price of C\$0.25 per Unit, for gross proceeds of up to C\$4.45 million. Each Unit will consist of one common share of the Company (“Common Share”) and one-half Common Share purchase warrant (“Warrant”). Each full Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price of C\$0.40 for a period of 24 months from the closing date of the Private Placement. Units are only being offered to Canadian participants.

Proceeds from the Private Placement will be used to advance the Company’s Goldstrike and Kinsley gold projects and for general working capital purposes. All securities issued in connection with the Private Placement will be subject to a four month hold period, in accordance with securities regulations.

Final closing is expected to occur in March 2016, subject to receipt of final applicable regulatory approvals, including approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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ABOUT PILOT GOLD

Pilot Gold is led by a proven technical and capital markets team that continues to discover and define high-quality assets. Our two core projects are Goldstrike in Utah and Kinsley Mountain in Nevada. The Company also holds important interests in two Turkish assets, Halilağa and TV Tower, and has a pipeline of Western US projects characterized by large land positions and district-wide potential that can meet our growth needs for years to come.

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