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Aurvista Completes Detailed Targeting, to Commence Core Drilling Program

- **The 9 higher grade and 2 lower grade gold zones from the 30 km² Douay-Style Mineralization Corridor now form the Adam Creek Gold Deposit**
- **An initial 3,700 meters core drilling program planned in the Douay West – Northwest - Adam Porphyry - Central Zones sector of the Adam Creek Gold Deposit**

Montreal, Quebec: Aurvista Gold Corporation (“Aurvista” or the “Company”) (TSX-V: **AVA**, OTC: **ARVSF**; Frankfurt: **AV2**) is pleased to announce the completion of the Phase 1 Detailed Targeting Program (the “Phase 1 Program”) on the Douay Gold Project (“Douay”) which started in June 2016 and previously reported in Company news releases. At this time, Aurvista continues compiling and interpreting all of the geological, geochemical, assay and geophysical databases that will eventually be used in constructing a 3-D model of the gold mineralization at Douay slated for completion in Q1-2017.

In addition, the Company finalized the priority targeting of an initial 7 core drill holes totaling 3,700 meters of the Phase 2 drilling campaign. Targets were selected on the basis of their potential to prove up new and additional higher grade gold mineralization in the Douay West – Northwest - Adam Porphyry - Central Zones sector.

Highlights of the Phase 1 Program include:

Re-logging of **300** historic core drill holes totaling **98,135** meters from all **28** of the planned N-S Douay-wide sections, as well as additional holes from the mineralized zones. These sections included the 11 known gold zones that included the “Main”, “Douay West”, “NW”, “10”, “Central”, “531”, “Adam-Porphyry”, “Central”, “Main Porphyry”, “South Porphyry” and “Contact” zones, as well as non-mineralized segments for stratigraphic correlation. To date, half of the 28 sections have been compiled and interpreted using the re-logged drill holes, the known mineralization corridors and the new geology.

A total of **4,000** samples have been taken from re-logged and un-analyzed mineralized drill cores, and have been shipped to the ALS Group Laboratory in Val-d’Or (Quebec) for gold-copper-zinc assay, whole-rock analyses of major and trace oxides, rare earth and trace elements analysis. In addition, the drill core was analyzed geochemically using a hand-held XRF with more than **27,000** readings taken at 3-meter core intervals. A total of **895** individual drill core samples were taken for control analysis of the XRF readings, and will be analyzed for the same

elements as the drill core assay samples. Some **178,000** readings were taken at 0.5–meter core intervals to measure the magnetic susceptibility and conductivity of drill core as part of the field validation of EM-INPUT™ and airborne TDEM conductors.

Some **205** rock samples were taken for petrographic work for rock type identification. The various minerals identified permitted the classification of 5 major rock types such as basalts, cherts, clastic sediments, felsic to intermediate volcanic breccias and lavas, as well as a magnetite-rich “iron formation”; sericite, carbonate and quartz alteration assemblages; and micro-fracturing in brittle rocks hosting narrow veinlets of quartz-carbonate with pyrite and disseminated pyrite along sericite foliation planes, both of which are associated with higher gold values generally above 5 g/t gold over multi-metric intervals. Fractured syenites containing fine fracture filling pyrite in addition to disseminated pyrite, encompassing altered basalt fragment and magnetite-rich “iron formation” contains 100 ppb to 1 g/t gold over decametric to hectometric intervals

Aurvista also initiated a Douay-wide field mapping campaign, primarily focused on an E-W trending corridor within the western extension of the now defined 10 km by 3 km **Adam Creek Gold Deposit**, that encompasses the former Douay-Style Mineralization sector containing the higher and lower grade gold zones associated with the nine individual E-W shear zones and three subparallel structural domains. A total of **58** grab samples were taken west of the deposit for gold-copper-zinc assay, whole-rock analyses of major and trace oxides, rare earth and trace elements.

About Aurvista Gold Corp.

Aurvista Gold Corporation is a junior gold exploration and development Company with 130,689,121 shares outstanding trading on the TSX Venture Exchange in Canada, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and OTC Pink Sheets in the US. Aurvista’s only asset is the Douay Gold Project, consisting of a 100% owned interest in 250 contiguous claims totaling 133.1 km², plus a 90% interest in 5 contiguous claims totaling 0.2 km² and a 75% interest (25% held by SOQUEM) in 32 contiguous claims totaling 11.9 km². In total there are 287 claims covering 145.3 km² located along a 20 km segment of the Casa Berardi Deformation Zone in the prolific Abitibi Belt of northern Quebec. Douay is located 40 km SW of the Matagami Zinc Base Metal Camp and 150 km N of the Val-d’Or-Malartic Gold Camp (both in Quebec).

In August, 2012, Aurvista updated the Mineral Resources estimates that included all drilling completed to the end of March 2012, for the now termed Adam Creek Gold Deposit. The deposit contains Mineral Resources estimates of 2.7 million tonnes of Indicated Resources at 2.76 g/t gold for 238,000 ounces (above a 0.3 g/t gold cut-off grade) or 2.5 million tonnes grading 2.98 g/t gold (at a 0.5 g/t gold cut-off grade) for 235,500 ounces. There were additional Inferred Resources of 115 million tonnes at 0.75 g/t gold for 2.75 million ounces (above a 0.3 g/t gold cut-off grade) or 62 million tonnes grading 1.06 g/t gold for 2.1 million ounces (above a 0.5 g/t cut-off grade). Details can be viewed on the Company’s website at www.aurvistagold.com.

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