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Issue of Equity- Warrant and Option Exercise and Issue of Options

Mariana Resources Ltd ("Mariana" or the "Company"), the AIM ("MARL") and TSXV ("MARL") listed exploration and development company with projects in Turkey, Côte d'Ivoire and South America, announces that the following warrants and options have been exercised into ordinary shares with funds received.

- o 392,825 Warrants exercised at GBP0.30
- o 15,000 Options exercised at GBP0.30
- o 10,000 Options exercised at GBP0.20

The Company will issue and allot 417,825 new ordinary shares.

Admission to AIM

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the new ordinary shares to be admitted to trading on AIM and the TSXV. Dealings are expected to commence on or about 23 March 2017 ("Admission").

Following Admission, there will be a total of 126,158,376 ordinary shares on issue.

The Board has approved the issue of 250,000 incentive options to new employees vesting over a four year period. All options to employees are issued under the conditions of the Employee Share Option Plan. The new options issued are at an exercise price of 70p and expire on 31 August 2021.

The Company has the following options outstanding following this issue:

Total Employee options	1,627,500
Total Director and Officer options	<u>5,705,000</u>
Total Options issued under the Employee Incentive Option Plan	<u>7,332,500</u>

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About Mariana Resources

Mariana Resources Ltd is a TSX.V and AIM (MARL) quoted exploration and development company with an extensive portfolio of gold, silver, and copper projects in South America, Turkey, and Ivory Coast.

Mariana's most advanced asset is the Hot Maden gold-copper project in northeast Turkey, which is a joint venture with Turkish partner Lidya Madencilik (30% Mariana and 70% Lidya) and which is rapidly advancing to development. On January 17, 2017, Mariana released the results of a Preliminary Economic Study ("PEA") which demonstrated exceptional potential economics for the Hot Maden Project (after-tax NPV and IRR of USD 1.37B and 153%, respectively) based on a development scenario incorporating a 1Mtpa underground mining / processing operation and the production of two saleable concentrates (a copper-gold concentrate and a gold-pyrite concentrate). This PEA was based on the updated (July 25, 2016) mineral resource estimate of 3.43 Moz gold equivalent (Indicated Category) and 0.09 Moz gold equivalent (Inferred Category) (100% basis) in the Main Zone, as well as a maiden 351,000 Moz gold equivalent (Inferred Category) (100% basis) resource in the New Southern Discovery. Elsewhere in Turkey, Mariana holds a 100% interest in the Ergama gold-copper project.

On October 7, 2016, Mariana announced the signing of a binding Term Sheet to acquire an indirect 80% interest in Ivory Coast-focused private exploration company Awalé Resources SARL ("Awalé"). Through the transaction Mariana will gain an immediate foothold in an established exploration portfolio with known gold mineralisation and artisanal gold workings, and which comprises i) 3 granted contiguous licenses (1,191 km²) in the Bondoukou area, and ii) 4 licenses under application (1,593 km²) in both the Bondoukou and Abengourou areas. The Bondoukou concessions lie along the southwestern extension of the Birimian Bole-Nangodi greenstone belt in adjacent Ghana, host to a number of high grade orogenic gold deposits.

In southern Argentina, the Company's core gold-silver projects are Las Calandrias (100%), Sierra Blanca (100%), Los Cisnes (100%), and Bozal (100%). These projects are part of a 100,000+ Ha land package in the Deseado Massif epithermal gold-silver district in mining-friendly Santa Cruz Province.

In Suriname, Mariana has a direct holding of 10.2% of the Nassau Gold project. The Nassau Gold Project is a 28,000 Ha exploration concession located approximately 125 km south east of the capital Paramaribo and immediately adjacent to Newmont Mining's 4.2Moz gold Merian project.

In Peru and Chile, Mariana is focusing on acquiring new opportunities which complement its current portfolio.

Hot Maden Mineral Resource Estimate – Main Gold-Copper Zone (2 g/t AuEq Cut-off)

Domain	Indicated Mineral Resource							
	Tonnes	Au	Cu	Zn	AuEq	Au	Cu	AuEq

	t	g/t	%	%	g/t*	Ounces	Tonnes	Ounces**
Main Zone LG	463,000	1.1	1.1	0.3	2.4	17,000	5,000	36,000
Main Zone HG	4,501,000	3.9	1.9	0.2	6.3	570,000	87,000	908,000
Main Zone UHG	2,086,000	32.7	3.5	0.1	36.9	2,195,000	73,000	2,476,000
Mixed Gold-Zinc	17,000	7.5	3.1	3.6	11.2	4,000	1,000	6,000
Peripheral Lodes	60,000	2.1	0.4	0.4	2.5	4,000		5,000
Total	7,127,000	12.2	2.3	0.2	15.0	2,790,000	166,000	3,431,000
Domain	Inferred Mineral Resource							
	Tonnes t	Au g/t	Cu %	Zn %	AuEq g/t*	Au Ounces	Cu Tonnes	AuEq Ounces**
Main Zone LG	395,000	1.7	0.9	0.03	2.8	21,000	4,000	35,000
Main Zone HG	31,000	3.9	1.6	0.1	5.8	4,000		6,000
Main Zone UHG	6,000	39.1	2.1	0.01	41.6	7,000		8,000
Mixed Gold-Zinc	4,000	1.7	0.4	2.4	2.2			
Peripheral Lodes	282,000	3.2	0.9	0.1	4.3	29,000	2,000	38,000
Total	718,000	2.7	0.9	0.1	3.8	62,000	7,000	88,000

Hot Maden – Southern Gold-Copper Zone (2 g/t AuEq Cut-off)

Domain	Inferred Mineral Resource							
	Tonnes t	Au g/t	Cu %	Zn %	AuEq g/t*	Au Ounces	Cu Tonnes	AuEq Ounces**
South Zone LG	396,000	2.8	0.7	0.0	3.6	35,000	3,000	46,000
South Zone HG	583,000	5.3	0.7	0.0	6.1	98,000	4,000	114,000
Main Zone UHG	224,000	22.2	1.0	0.0	23.4	160,000	2,000	169,000
Mixed Gold-Zinc	44,000	9.0	1.0	3.2	10.2	13,000		15,000
Peripheral Lodes	104,000	1.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	6,000		7,000
Total	1,352,000	7.2	0.7	0.1	8.1	313,000	10,000	351,000

*Au Equivalence (AuEq) calculated using a 100 day moving average of \$US1,215/ounce for Au and \$US2.13/pound for Cu as of May 29, 2016. No adjustment has been made for metallurgical recovery or net smelter return as these remain uncertain at this time. Based on grades and contained metal for Au and Cu, it is assumed that both commodities have reasonable potential to be economically extractable.

- *-The formula used for Au equivalent grade is: $AuEq\ g/t = Au + [(Cu\ \% \times 22.0462 \times 2.13)/(1215/31.1035)]$ and assumes 100% metallurgical recovery.
- **Au equivalent ounces are calculated by multiplying Mineral Resource tonnage by Au equivalent grade and converting for ounces. The formula used for Au equivalent ounces is: $AuEq\ Oz = [Tonnage \times AuEq\ grade\ (g/t)]/31.1035$

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