

Ark Completes Mt. Porter MMP Process

Sydney, 27 September 2016: The Board of Ark Mines Ltd (**ASX: AHK**) is pleased to announce that:

- the Department of Mines and Energy in the Northern Territory (**DME**) has confirmed:
 - the assessment of the Mt. Porter Mining Management Plan (**MMP**) has now been completed; and
 - no further information is required;
- upon payment of the required \$1,360,418.00 security bond (**Security**), the following will be issued:
 - approval of the MMP; and
 - an amendment to the Mt. Porter authorisation;
- the DME has extended to 19 October 2016 the payment date for the Security; and
- AHK may commence Mt. Porter mining as soon as the Security has been paid.

Successfully completing the MMP process and securing Mt. Porter project funding (see *AHK's previous announcement dated 5/08/2016*) is a very significant achievement for AHK and its ambitions to become a significant gold producer in the Northern Territory.

Roger Jackson, AHK's Managing Director said:

"Although it has taken longer than expected, we are very glad to have finally satisfied the Department of Mines and Energy as to our plans for mining Mt. Porter. Our mining management plan is thorough and robust. There are presently only two producing gold mines in the Northern Territory and Ark is pleased to join their ranks and able to positively contribute to the Northern Territory economy through job creation. The last mining management plan approved by the department was two years ago, for a shallow open pit gold mine. Ark appreciates the vote of confidence from the department and will work hard to ensure the Mt. Porter project is a success for all stakeholders".

Following prior consultations with the DME, AHK had expected to secure MMP approval within 3 months after the MMP application was submitted in March 2016 (see *AHK's previous announcement dated 17/3/2016*), as Mt. Porter already had an approved Public Environmental Report. There had been previous and substantial environmental studies and the total mine life was planned to be 4-6 months.

After expeditiously addressing a number of unexpected issues raised by DME, including:

- fully backfilling the pit;
- defending the temporary waste stockpiles from rainwater ingress; and
- capping the backfilled pit in clay;

the revised MMP submitted in June 2016 (see *AHK's previous announcement dated 06/6/2016*) was expected to be approved before August this year.



Due to delays in receiving confirmation that the MMP assessment had been completed, and as a consequence not commencing mining within 12 months after the signing of the processing agreement with NT Mining Operations Pty Ltd (previously known as Crocodile Gold Australia Operations Pty Ltd) (*see AHK's previous announcement dated 18/08/2015*), that agreement has now been terminated and a new toll treat agreement is now being negotiated, which the AHK board expects to be finalised very soon.

About Ark Mines

AHK is a Sydney based company now readying itself for near term gold production, from assets in the Northern Territory. The company's aim is to establish itself as a medium level gold producer producing gold from tenements in the Northern Territory, developing prospective tenements in the Northern Territory and to acquire other prospective gold projects in Australia.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves has been compiled by Roger Jackson BSc, Grad Dip Fin Man, Dip Ed, AICD, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and who has more than five years' experience in the field of activity being reported on. Mr Jackson is a director of the Company. Mr Jackson has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Jackson consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.