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NDABLAMA DRILLING COMPLETE AND EXPLORATION UPDATE

Avesoro Resources Inc., (the "Company" or "Avesoro") is pleased to report completion of its 75 hole, 16,200m infill drilling programme at the Ndablama deposit, 45km northeast of the New Liberty Gold Mine ("New Liberty"). Initial results are inline with expectations and the full set of assays is expected to be published later in Q3 2018.

The Ndablama infill drilling was designed to upgrade the classification of Inferred material to the Measured or Indicated categories, after which mine planning and optimisation studies can be undertaken. A Ndablama trucking study, which will investigate the feasibility of hauling material to New Liberty, is underway and due for completion later this year.

The Ndabalama drilling represents approximately 40% of Avesoro's overall target of converting 1Moz of existing Mineral Resources into Mineral Reserves from the 2018 drilling campaign.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The 16,200m Ndablama infill drilling programme is complete;
- Ndablama has an existing CIM compliant Indicated Resource of 5.6Mt grading 1.9 g/t Au containing 349koz and an Inferred Resource of 6.9Mt grading 2.1 g/t Au containing 464koz;
- Although predominantly an infill programme, a number of holes were also designed to test the down-dip extension of mineralisation including NDD194 which intercepted 23m at 2.3 g/t Au from 234m including 7m at 6.0 g/t Au from 244m, indicating significant gold potential at depth;
- o Infill assay results received to date include:

- NDD129 13m at 2.8 g/t Au from 114m
- NDD130 6m at 3.5 g/t Au from 83m
- NDD116 5m at 3.6g/t Au from 106m
- NDD189 4m at 2.6g/t Au from 115m
- The drill rigs have now moved from Ndablama to the Silver Hills area and are scheduled to recommence drilling by July 15, 2018.

Serhan Umurhan, Chief Executive Officer of Avesoro Resources, commented:

"Our 171,000 metre drilling programme continues as planned and thus far we have completed 63,100 metres of diamond drilling in Burkina Faso and 28,550 metres in Liberia as we seek to convert 1Moz of existing Mineral Resources to Reserves.

Ndablama is located 45km from the New Liberty processing plant and has the potential to be an important source of feed material to extend mine life. Importantly, Ndablama is located within the Bea Mountain Mineral Development Agreement which simplifies the permitting process for its development.

The next exploration news we expect to announce will be an increase in the Mineral Resource and Reserve estimate for New Liberty later this quarter which we anticipate will have a significant positive effect on New Liberty's mine life."

NDABLAMA INFILL PROGRAMME

Ndablama is located 45km from New Liberty and is one of multiple deposits along a 13km gold corridor, delineated through historical exploration work. Based on a 0.7g/t cut-off, Ndablama has a CIM compliant Indicated Mineral Resource of 349koz at 1.9g/t Au and Inferred Mineral Resource of 464koz at 2.1g/t Au with an effective date of December 1st, 2014.

The Company views Ndablama as a potential source of feed for the New Liberty processing plant. It represents 400koz of Management's 1Moz Mineral Reserve target from the 2018 drilling programme.

MINERAL RESOURCE:

	INDICATED			INFERRED		
Cut-off (g/t)	Tonnes (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Gold (Koz)	Tonnes (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Gold (Koz)
0.5	7,589	1.6	386	9,576	1.7	515
0.7	5,645	1.9	349	6,945	2.1	464

A 16,200 metre, 75-hole diamond drilling programme was recently completed. It was designed to upgrade the existing Inferred Mineral Resources to the Measured or Indicated categories and included five holes to test down-dip extensions to the northwest.

INITIAL NDABLAMA DRILL RESULTS:

	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Grade (g/t)
NDD116	106	130	24	0.8
inc.	106	111	5	3.6
NDD123	92	98	6	2
NDD129	114	135	21	1.9
inc.	114	127	13	2.8

NDD130	83	113	30	0.9
inc.	83	89	6	3.5
NDD141	85	103	18	1.4
inc.	94	101	7	2.5
NDD142	36	59	23	0.9
inc.	42	52	10	1.5
NDD154	31	80	49	0.7
inc.	45	57	12	1.8
NDD162	63	125	62	0.8
inc.	90	99	9	1.7
NDD167	98	137	39	0.7
inc.	126	137	11	1.2
NDD179	98	137	39	0.7
inc.	126	137	11	1.2
NDD188	101	129	28	0.4
inc.	101	107	6	1.1
NDD189	89	129	40	0.5
inc.	115	119	4	2.6

Note: It is estimated that true width is approximately 90% of the drilled width stated above.

NDABLAMA DEVELOPMENT & TRUCKING STUDY

The most likely Ndablama development scenario will involve trucking material to the New Liberty processing plant. A trucking study is underway which will determine the optimal route based on environmental and social considerations, distance and topography. The study will also estimate capital and operating costs. The current plan is to complete this study before the end of 2018.

FIG 1. LIBERIA LICENSE MAP:

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HISTORICAL EXPLORATION

Between 2011 and 2015, Ndablama and the wider Ndablama Gold Corridor were explored with airborne geophysics, a ground IP survey, trenching, soil sampling and diamond drilling.

At Ndablama, 115 diamond holes and 39 RC holes were drilled for a total of 27,160 metres. 4,290 metres were drilled at Leopard Rock, 2,705 metres at Gondoja and 780 metres at Gbalidee.

Importantly, the Ndablama Gold Corridor sits within the Bea Mountain Mineral Development Agreement ("MDA") which sets the legal, operational and fiscal parameters that New Liberty operates under, providing for an existing permitting framework for development of these targets.

FIG 2. NDABLAMA GOLD CORRIDOR MAP:

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AVESORO EXPLORATION OVERVIEW

2018 DRILLING

Avesoro is undertaking a fully funded 171,000 metres diamond drill programme. Of 139,000 metres planned in Burkina Faso in 2018, 63,100m have been completed. Of the 32,000 metres planned for Liberia in 2018, 28,550 metres are complete.

FIG 3. 2018 DRILLING OVERVIEW:

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BACKGROUND AND OUTLOOK

Liberia

Following completion of the New Liberty infill drilling campaign in April, four drill rigs moved to Ndablama and within 65 days completed a 16,200m infill programme. Samples have been sent to ALS Johannesburg and a complete set of assay results is expected within two months. Concurrently, a Ndablama trucking study is underway which should complete during Q4 2018.

Two drill rigs have recently arrived at Silver Hills and will deliver a 10,000-metre drilling programme due to start by July 15th, 2018. Drilling will start at the Belgium target which is only 13km away from New Liberty and has a known strike of 1km. Historical hard rock channel sampling from an active artisanal pit at Belgium returned 2.3m at 90g/t Au.

The initial Silver Hills drill plan consists of 75 drill holes totalling 7,550 metres based on an 80x40 drill pattern and will test the 1km long Belgium target. This is designed to produce a Maiden Inferred Resource. The balance of the budgeted drill metres will be designed during the programme. Silver Hills is part of a 15 km gold-in-soil corridor formed principally by a sheared ultramafic.

Burkina Faso

At the Youga Gold Mine ("Youga") drilling continues along the western strike of Gassore where a maiden CIM compliant Indicated Mineral Resource of 1.2Mt grading 3.89 g/t for 150koz Au and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 0.5Mt grading 4.0 g/t for 62koz Au was announced on June 19th, 2018. At Ouaré, 30km from Youga, an infill drilling campaign has recently commenced with 4 diamond drill rigs currently active and 7,100 metres completed to date. At Balogo 13,000 metres of drilling was recently completed at Panga and Cobra Hill, two prospects within 2km of the operating Balogo open pit. The Company has committed to a second phase of drilling during H2 2018 along strike of Panga and Cobra Hill.

1Moz Reserve Target

The Company's target of converting 1Moz from Resource to Reserve is based primarily on 2018 infill drilling at New Liberty, Ndablama and Ouaré.

FIG 4. 1MOZ RESERVE TARGET BY PROJECT:

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About Avesoro Resources Inc.

Avesoro Resources is a West Africa focused gold producer and development company that operates two gold mines across West Africa and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and the AIM market operated by the London Stock Exchange ("AIM"). The Company's assets include the New Liberty Gold Mine in Liberia ("New Liberty") and the Youga Gold Mine in Burkina Faso ("Youga").

New Liberty has an estimated Proven and Probable Mineral Reserve of 7.4Mt with 717,000 ounces of gold grading 3.03g/t and an estimated Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 9.6Mt with 985,000 ounces of gold grading 3.2g/t and an estimated Inferred Mineral Resource of 6.4Mt with 620,000 ounces of gold grading 3.0g/t. The foregoing Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimates and additional information in connection therewith, prepared in accordance with CIM guidelines, is set out in an NI 43-101 compliant Technical Report dated November 1, 2017 and entitled "New Liberty Gold Mine, Bea Mountain Mining Licence Southern Block, Liberia, West Africa" and is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Youga has an estimated Proven and Probable Mineral Reserve of 11.2Mt with 660,100 ounces of gold grading 1.84g/t and a combined estimated Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 16.64Mt with 924,200 ounces of gold grading 1.73g/t and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 13Mt with 685,000 ounces of gold grading 1.70g/t. An independent NI 43-101 technical report with respect to the Youga Gold Mine will be filed on SEDAR within 45 days of the updated Youga Mineral Reserve and Resource statement announced on June 19, 2018.

For more information, please visit www.avesoro.com.

Qualified Persons

The Company's Qualified Person is Mark J. Pryor, who holds a BSc (Hons) in Geology & Mineralogy from Aberdeen University, United Kingdom and is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists and a registered Professional Natural Scientist (Pr.Sci.Nat) of the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions. Mark Pryor is an independent technical consultant with over 25 years of global experience in exploration, mining and mine development and is a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43 -101 "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects" of the Canadian Securities Administrators and has reviewed and approved this press release. Mr. Pryor has verified the underlying technical data disclosed in this press release.

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