



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**April 23, 2018**

### **ASHANTI CLOSSES PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

VANCOUVER, BC – April 23, 2018 Ashanti Gold Corp. (“Ashanti” or the “Company”) - (TSXV: AGZ) announces it has increased in size and closed its non-brokered private placement announced April 5, 2018. The Company raised \$2,643,210 through the issuance of 17,621,397 (“Units”) priced at \$0.15 per Unit (the “Offering”). Each Unit consists of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$0.26 per share for up to two years expiring April 20, 2020. In the event that the Company’s shares trade at a closing price of greater than \$0.85 per share for a period of 10 consecutive days at any time after the closing of the Offering, the Company may accelerate the expiry date of the warrants by providing notice to the warrant holders and in such case the warrants will expire on the 30th day after the date on which such notice is given by the Company.

The Company paid finder's fees of \$142,357.57 and issued 949,050 finder warrants, each of which entitle the holder to purchase one Ashanti common share at a price of \$0.15 for one year expiring April 20, 2019. All securities issued are subject to a four month hold period expiring August 21, 2018.

Net proceeds of the private placement will be used to fund the exploration costs related to the Kossanto East property in Mali, work on the Anumso property in Ghana, as well as for general corporate purposes.

### **ABOUT ASHANTI GOLD**

Ashanti is a gold-focused, exploration and development company that targets projects where it has a competitive advantage due to past work experience of the team and specific project know-how. The Company is driving forward its 100%-owned Kossanto East project in Mali on the prolific Kenieba Belt of Mali, which hosts such deposits as Loulo, Fekola and Sadiola. Ashanti is also working to advance, together with its earn-in partners, the Anumso project and the Ashanti Belt project in Ghana, which are near-adjacent to the Akyem deposit.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of  
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