



ASHANTI GOLD CORP.

NEWS RELEASE

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Ashanti Gold Arranges Non-Brokered Private Placement

VANCOUVER, BC – January 15, 2019 Ashanti Gold Corp. (“Ashanti” or the “Company”) - (TSXV: AGZ) is pleased to announce it has arranged a non-brokered private placement of up to 10,000,000 units (the “Units”) at a price of \$0.05 per Unit (the “Offering”) for gross proceeds of up to \$500,000. Each Unit will consist of one common share of the Company (a “Share”) and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”). Each whole Warrant entitles the holder to acquire one additional share of the Company for a period of two years from the date of issuance at a price of \$0.08 per share.

Finder's fees may be payable to arm's length parties that have introduced the Company to certain subscribers participating in the Offering. All securities issued in the Offering are subject to a four-month hold period, during which time the securities may not be traded. Closing of the Offering is subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The net proceeds from the Offering are intended to be used to fund exploration costs and data analysis on the Kossanto East property in Mali, as well as for general corporate purposes.

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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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