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Plato Gold Acquires Additional Claims in Val d'Or Gold Camp

Toronto, January 17, 2008 – Plato Gold Corp (TSX-V: **PGC**) (“Plato”) an exploration company with a portfolio of properties in significant gold mining camps in Northern Ontario, Northern Quebec, and Santa Cruz, Argentina is pleased to announce the acquisition through staking of 58 new claims strategically located adjacent to a number of historic gold deposits and past producing mines in the Val d’Or gold camp in Northern Quebec.

The 58 new claims (1,841.69 ha) known as the Hop O’My Thumb site are within the township of Vauquelin and are 100% owned by Plato.

Plato now holds 247 claims (4,819.09 ha) in the Val d’Or gold camp in the south-eastern end of the Achean Abitibi Greenstone Belt in the Val d’Or, Quebec region. Included in this total are the 44 claims (660.9 ha) known as the Nordeau Bateman property which Plato holds an option agreement with Globex Mining Enterprises Inc. (*reference news release: Plato Gold Announces Signing of Option Agreement on Nordeau Project - August 8, 2006*)

Anthony Cohen, President and CEO, of Plato commented: “Plato’s strategy is to acquire land positions adjacent to historic gold deposits, past producers and/or currently operating gold mines. Areas are selected near world class gold camps with superior infrastructure in place. This is a significant increase in Plato’s portfolio, which now includes 377 claims representing 6,941.09 ha in Canada.”

About Plato Gold Corp.

Plato Gold Corp. ("Plato") is a Canadian junior gold exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. Plato has Canadian exploration projects in Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec and the Lolita Property in the province of Santa Cruz, Argentina. The Northern Ontario project includes 5 properties: Guibord, Harker, Harker-Garrison, Holloway and Marriott in the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins, Ontario. The Northern Quebec project includes 6 properties: Nordeau Bateman, Vauquelin, Vauquelin Pershing, Vauquelin Horseshoe, Pershing Denain and Hop O’My Thumb. All 6 properties are located near Val d’Or, Quebec and Plato is in the early stage of exploring these projects. In Argentina, the Lolita Property is comprised of 3 contiguous concessions and initial work has been started on this property.

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