



PLATO GOLD CORP

Plato Gold Corp. Announces Closing of Second Tranche of Non-Brokered Private Placement

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Toronto, Ontario – March 16, 2018 – Plato Gold Corp. (TSX-V: PGC) (“**Plato**” or the “**Corporation**”) is pleased to announce that further to its news release dated January 29, 2018, it has completed the second tranche of a non-brokered private placement of units (“**Units**”) at a price of CAN\$0.05 per Unit (the “**Offering**”). The first tranche of the Offering consisted of the sale of 4,800,000 Units for gross proceeds of \$240,000 (the “**First Tranche**”). The second tranche of the Offering consisted of the sale of 3,500,000 Units for gross proceeds of \$175,000 (the “**Second Tranche**”).

Each Unit consisted of one (1) common share in the capital stock of Plato (“**Common Share**”) and one-half of a common share purchase warrant (a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of CAN\$0.10 per common share until the date which is twenty-four (24) months following the closing date of the First and Second Tranche respectively, whereupon the Warrants will expire. If the weighted average trading price of the Corporation’s common shares on the Corporation’s principal stock exchange closes at a minimum of \$0.10 per share for a period of five (5) consecutive trading days, the Corporation may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to the date which is 30 days following the date upon which notice of the accelerated expiry date is provided by the Corporation to the holders of the Warrants.

In connection with the closing of the First Tranche, eligible institution finders have been paid finders fees of \$1,050 and in connection with the closing of the Second Tranche, eligible institution finders have been paid finders fees of \$11,090. In addition, the finder’s received 154,000 finder’s warrants (the “**Finder’s Warrants**”) equal to 7% of the total number of Units sold pursuant to the Second Tranche. Each Finder’s Warrant is exercisable into one Unit at an exercise price of \$0.10 at any time prior to the date that is twenty-four (24) months following the closing date of the Second Tranche, whereupon the Finder’s Warrants will expire.

The securities issued and issuable pursuant to the First Tranche and Second Tranche will be subject to a four month and one day statutory hold period from the respective closing dates.

The Offering is subject to final acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange. Following the completion of the Second Tranche, 173,007,455 common shares will be issued and outstanding. The Corporation intends to issue additional Units in subsequent tranches as part of the Offering, up to the maximum amount announced in its previous press release.

The Corporation intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering first on a 5,000 metre drill program on the Good Hope Niobium Project which has been contracted to begin on March 9, 2018 and next on exploration work and for general working capital purposes.

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About Plato Gold Corp.

Plato Gold Corp. is a Canadian exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange with projects in Marathon Ontario, Timmins, Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina.

The Good Hope Niobium Project consists of a total of 19 claims, 263 claim units and 4,208 hectares in Killala Lake Area and Cairngorm Lake Area Townships, near Marathon Ontario. In May 2017, Plato signed an option agreement with Rudy Wahl and co-owners to acquire 100% interest in the Good Hope Property.

The Timmins Ontario project includes 4 properties: Guibord, Harker, Holloway and Marriott in the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins, Ontario. Plato holds 50% interest in the Guibord property with the remaining 50% held by Osisko Mining Inc. ("**Osisko**"). Osisko also holds 80% interest in the Harker property with Plato holding the remaining 20%.

In Argentina, Plato owns a 75% interest in Winnipeg Minerals S.A. ("**WMSA**"), an Argentina incorporated company. The Lolita Property, held by WMSA, is comprised of a number of contiguous mineral rights totaling 9,672 hectares. Work has advanced on this exploration property to the point that it is drill-ready or ready to be optioned to a partner.

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