



PLATO GOLD CORP

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Plato Closes Agreement to Acquire Ruffle Lake Phosphate-Rare Earth Property

Toronto, July 18, 2024 – Plato Gold Corp. (TSX-V: **PGC**) (OTCQB: **NIOVF**) (FRANKFURT: **4Y7** OR WKN: **A0M2QX**) (“**Plato**” or the “**Company**”) an exploration company with a portfolio of properties in Northern Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina, is pleased to announce that it has closed the binding agreement of purchase and sale dated July 8, 2024 (the “**Agreement**”) with Rudolf Wahl and Mike Dorval (the “**Wahl Group**”), as previously announced on July 8, 2024. The Company has acquired (the “**Acquisition**”) a 100% interest in forty-two (42) unpatented cell claims in Killala Lake Area Townships, Thunder Bay Mining District, in the Province of Ontario (the “**Claims**” or the “**Ruffle Lake Property**”).

Description of the Ruffle Lake Property

The Ruffle Lake Property is readily accessible via an all-weather road 35 km north from the Trans Canada Highway 17. The geology in this area is dominated by the Prairie Lake Carbonatite Complex which lies immediately south of the Ruffle Lake Property and the Company’s adjoining Good Hope Property. In general, these Carbonatite Complexes are uncommon and known to host rare earth elements and critical minerals such as niobium, phosphate and yttrium currently in demand for EV (Electric Vehicle) and other Clean Energy technology.

The emplacement of the Prairie Lake Carbonatite is related to a major rifting or structural event along the north shore of Lake Superior. The event resulted in the development of a prominent north-trending fault system which was responsible for the emplacement of several carbonatite and alkaline intrusions in addition to the Prairie Lake Complex in this area.

Carbonatite related mineralization continues to be recognized along this fault structure in ongoing exploration which includes recent work on the Ruffle Lake Property. The Wahl Group, through preliminary prospecting and sampling have uncovered two sites (Site #5 and #6) in rusty-altered carbonatite with analysis returning up to 30% P₂O₅, 4558 ppm yttrium and anomalous light and heavy rare earth elements. Initial scintillometer readings gathered over these areas indicate the highest values appear to correlate with much higher than background radiation. A recent (May 2024) visit to Site #6 on the property revealed an area of approximately 130 m by 500 m exhibiting a medium to high radiometric signature covering the carbonatite.

A detailed radiometric survey planned by the Company, may help to define the size and extent of carbonatite body(s) on the Ruffle Lake Property. Anomalous areas will be targeted for stripping and trenching followed by detailed mapping and sampling.

Anthony Cohen, President and CEO, commented: “Plato Gold is pleased to add these contiguous claims to the Company’s Good Hope Project with potential for additional niobium, phosphates, and both light and heavy rare earth elements.”

Ruffle Lake Property Acquisition Terms

Pursuant to the Agreement, Plato acquired a 100% interest in the Claims, subject to the Royalty (as defined below), in consideration for a payment of CAD\$20,000.00 and the issuance of 2,000,000 common shares of the Company (the “**Common Shares**”) to the Wahl Group. The Wahl Group was granted a 3.0% net smelter return royalty from all commercial production on Claims. (the “**Royalty**”). The Company shall have the right to purchase two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the three percent (3.0%) Royalty at any time for CAD\$2,000,000. The Common Shares issued in connection with the Wahl Agreement are subject to a statutory hold period of four months and a day from the date of issuance.

Qualified Person

Gerald D. White, B.Sc., P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, is responsible for the scientific and technical data presented herein and has reviewed and approved this release.

About Plato Gold Corp.

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

The Timmins Ontario project includes 4 properties: Guibord, Harker, Holloway and Marriott in the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins, Ontario, with a focus on gold.

In Argentina, Plato owns a 95% interest in Winnipeg Minerals S.A. (“WMSA”), an Argentina incorporated company that holds a number of contiguous mineral rights totalling 9,672 hectares with potential for gold and silver.

The Good Hope Niobium Project consists of approximately 5,146 hectares in Killala Lake Area and Cairngorm Lake Area Townships, near Marathon Ontario, with the primary target being niobium.

The Pic River Platinum Group Metals (PGM) Project consists of 2,247 hectares in Foxtrap Lake and Grain Township, near Marathon Ontario, of which 19 claims are contiguous to the western

boundary of Generation Mining's Marathon PGM project and is located on strike to Generation Mining's Sally deposit.

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