

Mariana Resources Limited - Issue of Equity

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Equity issue in relation to completion of Awalé Resources SARL Acquisition in Côte d'Ivoire and exercise of options with Director Dealing

24 February 2017 - [Mariana Resources Ltd.](#) ('Mariana' or 'the Company'), the TSX.V and AIM (MARL) listed exploration and development company with projects in Turkey, South America, and Côte d'Ivoire confirms that following completion, to acquire an 80% interest in Awalé Resources SARL ("Awalé") in the Ivory Coast as announced 7 October 2016, as consideration ordinary shares in the Company have been issued. Options have also been exercised into ordinary shares and funds received.

In terms of the announcement regarding the acquisition of Awalé on the 7 October 2016, 723,511 ordinary shares in Mariana will be issued as final consideration.

Regarding options exercised the following shares will be issued:

- 250,000 GBP0.425 per share for a total consideration of GBP106,250
- 140,000 GBP0.30 per share for a total consideration of GBP42,000
- 25,000 GBP0.20 per share for a total consideration of GBP4,500

Included in the above issuance of exercised options (totalling 415,000) to Director Eric Roth these have been exercised and subsequently sold at an average price of C\$1.21. Mr Roth's direct holding remains the same at 649,371 Ordinary Shares (0.51% of total issued share capital).

Admission to AIM

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the new ordinary shares to be admitted to trading on AIM and the TSXV. Dealings are expected to commence on or about 2 March 2017 ("Admission").

Following Admission, there will be a total of 125,740,551 ordinary shares on issue.

Mariana will be presenting at PDAC in Toronto from 5-8 March 2017, please come and visit us at booth 2708 to learn more about the significant high grade Gold and Copper Hot Maden project as well as our exciting portfolio.

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About Mariana Resources

[Mariana Resources Ltd.](#) is a TSX.V and AIM (MARL) quoted exploration and development company with an extensive portfolio of gold, silver, and copper projects in South America, Turkey, and Ivory Coast.

Mariana's most advanced asset is the Hot Maden gold-copper project in northeast Turkey, which is a joint venture with Turkish partner Lidya Madencilik (30% Mariana and 70% Lidya) and which is rapidly advancing to development. On January 17, 2017, Mariana released the results of a Preliminary Economic Study ("PEA") which demonstrated exceptional potential economics for the Hot Maden Project (after-tax NPV and IRR of USD 1.37B and 153%, respectively) based on a development scenario incorporating a 1Mtpa underground mining / processing operation and the production of two saleable concentrates (a copper-gold concentrate and a gold-pyrite concentrate). This PEA was based on the updated (July 25, 2016) mineral resource estimate of 3.43 Moz gold equivalent (Indicated Category) and 0.09 Moz gold equivalent (Inferred Category) (100% basis) in the Main Zone, as well as a maiden 351,000 Moz gold equivalent (Inferred Category) (100% basis) resource in the New Southern Discovery. Elsewhere in Turkey, Mariana holds a 100% interest in the Ergama gold-copper project.

On October 7, 2016, Mariana announced the signing of a binding Term Sheet to acquire an indirect 80% interest in Ivory Coast-focused private exploration company Awalé Resources SARL ("Awalé"). Through the transaction Mariana will gain an immediate foothold in an established exploration portfolio with known gold mineralisation and artisanal gold workings, and which comprises i) 3 granted contiguous licenses (1,191 km²) in the Bondoukou area, and ii) 4 licenses under application (1,593 km²) in both the Bondoukou and Abengourou areas. The Bondoukou concessions lie along the southwestern extension of the Birimian Bole-Nangodi greenstone belt in adjacent Ghana, host to a number of high grade orogenic gold deposits.

In southern Argentina, the Company's core gold-silver projects are Las Calandrias (100%), Sierra Blanca (100%), Los Cisnes (100%), and Bozal (100%). These projects are part of a 100,000+ Ha land package in the Deseado Massif epithermal gold-silver district in mining-friendly Santa Cruz Province.

In Suriname, Mariana has a direct holding of 10.2% of the Nassau Gold project. The Nassau Gold Project is a 28,000 Ha exploration concession located approximately 125 km south east of the capital Paramaribo and immediately adjacent to Newmont Mining's 4.2Moz gold Merian project.

In Peru and Chile, Mariana is focusing on acquiring new opportunities which complement its current portfolio.

Hot Maden Mineral Resource Estimate - Main Gold-Copper Zone (2 g/t AuEq Cut-off)

Indicated Mineral Resource								
Domain	Tonnes t	Au g/t	Cu %	Zn %	AuEq g/t*	Au Ounces	Cu Tonnes	AuEq Ounces**
Main Zone LG	463,000	1.1	1.1	0.3	2.4	17,000	5,000	36,000
Main Zone HG	4,501,000	3.9	1.9	0.2	6.3	570,000	87,000	908,000
Main Zone UHG	2,086,000	32.7	3.5	0.1	36.9	2,195,000	73,000	2,476,000
Mixed Gold-Zinc	17,000	7.5	3.1	3.6	11.2	4,000	1,000	6,000
Peripheral Lodes	60,000	2.1	0.4	0.4	2.5	4,000		5,000
Total	7,127,000	12.2	2.3	0.2	15.0	2,790,000	166,000	3,431,000
Inferred Mineral Resource								
Domain	Tonnes t	Au g/t	Cu %	Zn %	AuEq g/t*	Au Ounces	Cu Tonnes	AuEq Ounces**
Main Zone LG	395,000	1.7	0.9	0.03	2.8	21,000	4,000	35,000
Main Zone HG	31,000	3.9	1.6	0.1	5.8	4,000		6,000
Main Zone UHG	6,000	39.1	2.1	0.01	41.6	7,000		8,000
Mixed Gold-Zinc	4,000	1.7	0.4	2.4	2.2			
Peripheral Lodes	282,000	3.2	0.9	0.1	4.3	29,000	2,000	38,000
Total	718,000	2.7	0.9	0.1	3.8	62,000	7,000	88,000

Hot Maden - Southern Gold-Copper Zone (2 g/t AuEq Cut-off)

Inferred Mineral Resource								
Domain	Tonnes t	Au g/t	Cu %	Zn %	AuEq g/t*	Au Ounces	Cu Tonnes	AuEq Ounces**

South Zone LG	396,000	2.8	0.7	0.0	3.6	35,000	3,000	46,000
South Zone HG	583,000	5.3	0.7	0.0	6.1	98,000	4,000	114,000
Main Zone UHG	224,000	22.2	1.0	0.0	23.4	160,000	2,000	169,000
Mixed Gold-Zinc	44,000	9.0	1.0	3.2	10.2	13,000		15,000
Peripheral Lodes	104,000	1.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	6,000		7,000
Total	1,352,000	7.2	0.7	0.1	8.1	313,000	10,000	351,000

*Au Equivalence (AuEq) calculated using a 100 day moving average of \$US1,215/ounce for Au and \$US2.13/pound for Cu as of May 29, 2016. No adjustment has been made for metallurgical recovery or net smelter return as these remain uncertain at this time. Based on grades and contained metal for Au and Cu, it is assumed that both commodities have reasonable potential to be economically extractable.

1. *-The formula used for Au equivalent grade is: $\text{AuEq g/t} = \text{Au} + [(\text{Cu \%} \times 22.0462 \times 2.13) / (1215/31.1035)]$ and assumes 100 % metallurgical recovery.
2. **-Au equivalent ounces are calculated by multiplying Mineral Resource tonnage by Au equivalent grade and converting for ounces. The formula used for Au equivalent ounces is: $\text{AuEq Oz} = [\text{Tonnage} \times \text{AuEq grade (g/t)}] / 31.1035$

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