TORONTO, ON--(Marketwired - April 19, 2017) - <u>Centerra Gold Inc.</u> (TSX: CG) reports that the Kumtor operation, located in the Kyrgyz Republic, has received its 2017 maximum allowable discharge ("MAD") permit which allows for discharge of treated effluent from its tailings management facility starting in the spring. Kumtor now has all the necessary permits and approvals in place for continuous operations throughout 2017.

About Centerra

Centerra is a Canadian-based gold mining company focused on operating, developing, exploring and acquiring gold properties in North America, Asia and other markets worldwide. Centerra is the largest Western-based gold producer in Central Asia. Centerra's shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) under the symbol CG. The Company is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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