Nighthawk Provides Update on the Approved All-Season Road Build in the Northwest Territories

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TORONTO, Dec. 20, 2018 - <u>Nighthawk Gold Corp.</u> ("Nighthawk" or the "Company") (TSX: NHK; OTCQX: MIMZF) is pl provide an update on the approved construction and operation of a permanent 97 km two-lane gravel highway on a forr road alignment from Hwy 3, roughly 40km south of Behchoko?? – to the Community of What??, Northwest Terri Canada.

Dr. Michael Byron, President & CEO commented, "This is an important project for the Northwest Territories, and particul residents of the T???cho? First Nation as the road will allow transportation efficiencies to reduce the cost of living within foster social opportunities by linking up some of the more remote communities such as What??, and ultimately result in winter road access to our Indin Lake Gold Property. We are encouraged to see the commitment of all three parties to p infrastructure development and road access, especially when considering any future mining scenarios at our flagship C Gold Project. As well, there is substantial mine waste rock stockpiled on surface from the former operation that could p used as material for any additional road construction in the future."

"We see this as an evolutionary step in the right direction to provide attractiveness to industry in the exploration and de of natural resources. We are very pleased to see the territories' continued focus on future development to support its co and industry."

In late October, the Responsible Ministers adopted the recommendations of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Revie the environmental assessment of the proposed T???cho? all-season road (the "TASR"), which allows the project to prothrough to the regulatory and permitting phase. In mid-November, the preferred proponent was selected for road constrated a 25-year operating tenure for road maintenance. All parties are finalizing design details and permit applications, with find close expected by mid-February.

All required permits are expected by early fall, which should see formal ground work start alongside receiving the main (water license and land use permits), with an anticipated construction time of two years.

Additional TASR Project Information

The road construction is being funded through a public-private partnership, with the federal government providing 25% capital costs. The remainder is being funded by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The territorial government in partnership with the T???cho? First Nation government to advance the project.

- Replacing the southern section of the existing winter road will adapt to the impacts of climate change, provide uniaccess to the community of Whati and increase the winter road window-of-access to the communities of Gamèti, and Nighthawk's Indin Lake Gold Property.
- Transportation efficiencies will reduce the cost of living for the region and embrace social opportunities.
- The capital ceiling in the Request for Proposals (RFP) is \$200 million.
- All-weather access will attract further interest from industry in exploration and development of natural resources.
- Road construction and maintenance will result in significant employment and training opportunities for T???ch? results a support the development of a strong northern workforce.

For more information on the TASR project and other infrastructure initiatives from the Government of the Northwest Terplease visit their website at https://www.inf.gov.nt.ca/en.

About Nighthawk

Nighthawk is a Canadian-based gold exploration company with 100% ownership of a district-scale land position within Lake Greenstone Belt, located approximately 200 km north of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. Nighthawk is advancing the Colomac Gold Project with a current inferred resource of 2.6 million ounces of gold (50.3 million tonnes a average grade of 1.62 grams per tonne gold), as well as advancing its other regional gold deposits and showings within underexplored Archean gold camp.

The Company has an experienced and dedicated team and is well funded to complete its goals and objectives over the months.

Qualified Person

Dr. Michael J. Byron, Ph.D., P.Geo., President & Chief Executive Officer of Nighthawk, who is the "Qualified Person" as NI 43-101 for this project, has reviewed and approved of the technical disclosure contained in this news release. Pleas 43-101 technical report "Technical Report and mineral resource estimate update on the Colomac Property of the Indin Project", dated June 17, 2013, as filed under the company's profile on www.sedar.com.

Neither the Toronto Stock Exchange has neither reviewed nor accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of the release.

Forward-Looking Information

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