

Atlantic Announces Appointment of COO

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VANCOUVER, July 8, 2016 - [Atlantic Gold Corp.](#) (TSX VENTURE:AGB) ("Atlantic" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Maryse Bélanger as Chief Operating Officer of the Company effective July 17, 2016.

Ms. Bélanger will succeed Mr. John Morgan, who will retire later next month. Mr. Morgan will remain with the Company as a Director and has agreed to remain as an advisor to Atlantic in order to ensure an orderly transition.

Ms. Bélanger brings over 30 years of experience with senior gold companies globally with strengths in studies, technical services and operational excellence and efficiency. She was most recently the CEO and Managing Director of [Mirabela Nickel Ltd.](#) where she has been responsible for the turnaround and cost cutting success at that company's Santa Rita mine in Brazil during a period of extremely low metal prices.

From 2011 to 2014, Ms. Bélanger was a senior executive with Goldcorp ultimately as Senior Vice President, Technical Services where she oversaw the global geology, mine planning and design, metallurgy, hydrology, tailings dam and geotechnical engineering functions. During her career, Ms. Bélanger has also gained considerable expertise providing oversight and project management support for some of the mining industry's key strategic acquisitions. Prior to joining Goldcorp, Ms. Bélanger was Director, Technical Services for [Kinross Gold Corp.](#) for Brazil and Chile. Ms. Bélanger holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and a graduate certificate in Geostatistics. She is also fluent in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. She has been an active board member at Mirabela, True Gold, CEEC International Ltd and a member of Westcoast Women in Engineering, Science and Technology.

Ms. Bélanger will be responsible for the overall operational and technical management of the Company's assets as well as take a lead role alongside the Chairman and CEO of the Company in executing the Company's business plan and strategy, including the identification of new strategic acquisition opportunities for Atlantic.

Steven Dean, Chairman and CEO noted: *"We are delighted to have someone of Maryse's caliber join the Company as COO. Her expertise in construction and operations management will be an asset to the Company, and specifically to the construction and commissioning of our MRC Project. We also look forward to Maryse leading together with our other senior management team members for pursuit of opportunities to continue to grow the asset base of Atlantic."*

Mr. Dean added: *"I would like to thank John Morgan for his very important contribution to the new strategy of the Company and particularly in acquiring and advancing our MRC project to the construction stage over the last several years. On behalf of the board and management we wish him well in his retirement."*

The Company also announces the granting to Ms. Bélanger a total of 1.1 million stock options pursuant to the Company's stock option plan at \$0.73 per share, expiring on April 8, 2023.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Steven Dean, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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