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MELBOURNE, Oct. 4, 2016 /CNW/ - Following its news release on September 27, 2016, [OceanaGold Corp.](#) (TSX/ASX/NZX: OGC) (the "Company") wishes to provide an update on the status of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) audit "findings" related to the Didipio Gold-Copper Mine ("Didipio Mine").

Over the past several days following the DENR press conference, the Company has engaged directly with the DENR Secretary Gina Lopez and other senior government officials to gain clarity on the findings identified with respect to the Didipio operation. Discussions with government officials including Sec. Lopez have been constructive and the Company will continue to engage with all stakeholders to demonstrate the many achievements and attributes of its operations in country and the significant benefits the mine has delivered thus far to its communities.

Mick Wilkes, President and CEO commented from Manila, "I am highly confident that our Didipio operations will continue to operate without interruption as the Didipio Mine sets the benchmark for responsible mining based on international best practices and serves as the template for the type of operation that President Duterte and his administration are seeking for all mining operations in the Philippines as they advance a responsible mining sector."

The Didipio operation continues to operate without interruption and the Company firmly maintains its 2016 production and cost guidance for the operation.

About OceanaGold

[OceanaGold Corp.](#) is a mid-tier, low-cost, multinational gold producer with assets located in the Philippines, New Zealand and the United States. The Company's assets encompass its flagship operation, the Didipio Gold-Copper Mine located on the island of Luzon in the Philippines. On the north island of New Zealand, the Company operates the high-grade Waihi Gold Mine while on the south island of New Zealand, the Company operates the largest gold mine in the country at the Macraes Goldfield which is made up of a series of open pit mines and the Frasers underground mine. In the United States, the Company is currently constructing the Haile Gold Mine, a top-tier asset located in South Carolina along the Carolina Terrane. The Company expects the Haile Gold Mine to commence commercial production in early 2017. OceanaGold also has a significant pipeline of organic growth and exploration opportunities in the Australasia and Americas regions.

OceanaGold has operated sustainably over the past 25 years with a proven track record for environmental management and community and social engagement. The Company has a strong social license to operate and works collaboratively with its valued stakeholders to identify and invest in social programs that are designed to build capacity and not dependency.

In 2016, the Company expects to produce 385,000 to 425,000 ounces of gold from the combined New Zealand and Didipio operations and 19,000 to 21,000 tonnes of copper from the Didipio operation at All-In Sustaining Costs of US\$700 to US\$750 per ounce.

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