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THUNDER BAY, ON, Dec. 6, 2016 /CNW/ - Premier Gold Mines Ltd. (TSX-PG) is pleased to announce that it has retained the services of Mr. Brent Kristof as Vice-President Operations. Brent is a Professional Engineer and brings a successful track record of mine development and operations. Brent's primary responsibility will include overseeing the Company's Mercedes and South Arturo mines as well as participating in the development plans for Premier's advanced projects including McCoy-Cove and Hardrock.

Brent brings to Premier thirty-five years of progressive leadership and management of underground and surface mining operations that include an accomplished record in engineering, maintenance, geology, processing, projects and business improvement that will prove valuable for company stakeholders. Most recently, Brent served as Chief Operating Officer at Klondex Mines Ltd. Prior to his role at Klondex, Brent's broad Nevada operational experience included eight years as General Manager at several Barrick mines (including the Turquoise Ridge Mine) and seven years leading operations teams at Newmont's Midas and Deep Post mines in Carlin, Nevada.

"A top priority for Premier is to build an industry-best operations team and we look forward to Brent's valuable contribution as we continue to grow Premier's mining business" commented John Begeman, Chairman. "Brent's diverse world-wide experience will complement our existing teams as we advance our key assets and assess additional producing opportunities."

Premier remains focused on building its mining business towards mid-tier gold producer status. In addition to its two producing mines, South Arturo and Mercedes, the Company is beginning to plan for future operations with a potential underground plan for the 100%-owned McCoy-Cove Property in Nevada and the ongoing permitting for future development at Hardrock in Ontario (Trans-Canada JV).

<u>Premier Gold Mines Ltd.</u> is a gold producer and respected exploration and development company with a high-quality pipeline of precious metal projects in proven, accessible and safe mining jurisdictions in Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

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