

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - February 3, 2017) - [Austral Gold Ltd.](#) ('the Company') (ASX: AGD) (TSXV: AGLD) is pleased to report results for quarterly activities for its second fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2016.

Fiscal Second Quarter and January 2017 Highlights:
(All figures are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted)

- Record quarterly production of 17,102 Au oz and 236,011 Ag oz¹
- 25% increase in production of gold equivalent ounces² from previous quarter at Guanaco.
- Respective average cash costs for the quarter at Guanaco and Casposo were US\$527/AuEq oz and US\$969/AuEq oz and all-in sustaining cost ("AISC") at US\$664/AuEq oz and US\$1,200 AuEq oz respectively.
- Recommissioning of Casposo Mine (51% owned) resulted in 2,289 oz of gold (included in total quarterly production number above) and 221,650 oz of silver production.¹
- The assay results from the Amancaya infill drilling program completed in November 2016, reported in December and January, identified two new high grade gold shoots and confirmed and extended the multiple high grade zones previously modelled at the Central vein.
- Exercised 399,300 Fortuna Silver warrants and subsequently sold the related Fortuna Silver shares for gross proceeds of US\$2.7 million (C\$3.7 million) with a 51.4% pre-tax realized return.

Stabro Kasaneva, CEO, said, "This quarter has seen us exceed expectations across a number of fronts. At Guanaco there was a significant growth in production and decrease in cash costs and all-in sustaining costs, due largely to higher gold grades. This continues the improvements we saw in the previous quarter relative to the first half of 2016. At Amancaya we completed a very successful infill drill program, identifying two new high grade gold shoots. Amancaya is fully permitted and with the pre-feasibility study due by the end of March we expect that we could be in a position to make a production decision on this gold and silver project very shortly, with preparations at site well advanced. At Casposo we are starting to see the turn-around in the mine as a result of the new mining methods being adopted and are optimistic that these will impact operations positively going forward."

Guanaco Mine

Production from underground operations using the heap leach process generated 14,813 Au oz and 14,361 Ag oz during the quarter. Production for the quarter concentrated in the Dumbo and Cachinalito extensions. Production increased due to an increase in the grade and continued improvements in underground operations and resultant increased loading of the heap leach pads.

Guanaco Mine	December Quarter 2016	December Quarter 2015	Six months ended December 2016	Six months ended December 2015
Total Ore processed (t)	141,388	130,488	281,848	261,976
Average Plant grade (g/t Au)	3.78	2.90	4.62	3.88
Average Plant grade (g/t Ag)	9.4	8.3	8.8	7.8
Gold produced (oz)	14,813	9,244	26,575	18,488
Silver produced (oz)	14,361	11,157	30,470	25,645
C1 Cash Cost (US\$/AuEq oz)	527	823	591	823
All-in Sustaining Cost* (US\$/AuEq oz)	664	1,010	746	1,010
Realised gold price (US\$/Au oz)	1,242	1,121	1,281	1,121

Casposo Mine

Casposo Mine (51% owned by Austral Gold*)	Dec Quarter 2016	Sept Quarter 2016
Total Ore processed (t) (100% basis)	66,328	68,055
Gold recovery (%)	91%	90%
Silver recovery (%)	84%	78%
Average Plant Grade (g/t Au)	2.30	2.98
Average Plant Grade (g/t Ag)	241.4	180.9
Gold produced (oz): 100% basis	4,489	4,457
Share of Gold produced (oz): 51% basis	2,289	2,426
Silver produced (oz): 100% basis	434,607	313,765
Share of Silver produced (oz): 51%	221,650	160,020

Outlook

Guanaco

Production of gold equivalent ounces for the calendar year 2017 from the Guanaco mine is projected to be in the range of 45,500-51,000 ounces.

Construction of the new agitation leach plant (Merrill-Crowe circuit) at Guanaco continues to advance and a completion date prior to the end of March 2017 has been forecast. To date the actual spend on the project is ~80% complete.

Amancaya

Site preparations at Amancaya have been advanced during the quarter, and onsite facilities and road works to the site are well advanced. Roscoe Postle and Associates (RPA) have been working on a prefeasibility study for the mining of Amancaya and treating of production at the new Guanaco agitation leach plant. This study should be completed by the end of March 2017. In anticipation of a favorable result, all the basic permits to start operations are in place and personnel have been hired to commence when initial pre-operations activities start.

Casposo

The Company expects to pay \$1 million to Troy Resources in March 2017 to acquire additional 19% of Casposo Mine to increase ownership interest to 70%.

Expected production for the calendar year 2017 is 50,000 gold equivalent ounces with a goal of reaching an AISC of US\$957 per ounce, as per the Casposo Gold-Silver Mine Technical Report, dated 7 September 2016, with an effective date of 30 of June 2016 and available on SEDAR under the Company's profile. The Company is working to further reduce costs at Casposo.

Further details can be found in the Company's Quarterly Activity Report filed at www.australgold.com, <http://www.asx.com.au> and on www.sedar.com.

* Non-IFRS Measures

The Company has included certain non-IFRS measures including "Cash cost per gold ounce sold" and "All-in sustaining cost per gold ounce sold" in this press release. Cash cost per gold ounce sold is equal to production costs less silver sales divided by gold ounces sold. All-in sustaining cost per gold ounce sold is equal to production costs less silver sales plus general and administrative expenses, exploration expenses, accretion of reclamation provision and sustaining capital expenditures divided by gold ounces sold. The Company believes that these measures provide investors with an improved ability to evaluate the performance of the Company. Non-IFRS measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS. Therefore they may not be comparable to similar measures employed by other companies. The data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Qualified Persons

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¹ Excludes 49% of Casposo production owned by Troy Resources during the period.

² Gold equivalent, or "AuEq" ratio is calculated at 71:1 Ag:Au

About Austral Gold

[Austral Gold Ltd.](#) is a growing precious metals mining, development and exploration company building a portfolio of quality assets in Chile and Argentina. The Company's flagship Guanaco project in Chile is a low-cost gold and silver producing mine with further exploration upside. The Company is also operator of the underground silver-gold Casposo mine in San Juan, Argentina. With an experienced local technical team and highly regarded major shareholder, Austral's goal is to continue to strengthen its asset base through acquisition and discovery. [Austral Gold Ltd.](#) is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V:AGLD), and the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: AGD). For more information, please consult the company's website www.australgold.com

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