

Plato Gold Announces Completion of Shares for Debt

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TORONTO, Oct. 16, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Plato Gold Corp.](#) (TSX-V:PGC) ("Plato" or the "Company"), an exploration company with a portfolio of properties in Northern Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina is pleased to announce that further to its October 11, 2017 news release, the TSX Venture exchange has accepted its proposal to settle \$830,790 in outstanding debt to various creditors by issuing 16,615,800 common shares valued at \$0.05 per share (the "Transactions"). The debt has now been extinguished and the issued shares will be subject to a four month hold period from the settlement date.

The Transactions were undertaken by Plato in order to conserve capital and improve Plato's balance sheet while global financial markets remain turbulent and financing junior exploration companies remains difficult.

The Transactions occurred as between Plato and several insiders of Plato. Consequently, the Transactions constituted "related party transactions" within the meaning of TSX Venture Exchange Policy 5.9 and Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101"). Plato is relying on the exemptions contained in sections 5.5(b) and section 5.7(g) of MI 61-101. Plato's common shares are only traded on the facilities of the TSX Venture Exchange. Furthermore, Plato's board of directors have unanimously determined (with Anthony J. Cohen abstaining) that Plato is in financial hardship, the debt settlement transactions are designed to improve the financial position of Plato, and the terms of such transactions are reasonable in the circumstances of Plato.

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About Plato Gold Corp.

[Plato Gold Corp.](#) is a Canadian exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange with projects in Marathon Ontario, Timmins Ontario and Santa Cruz, Argentina.

The Good Hope Niobium Project consists of a total of 19 claims, 263 claim units and 4,208 hectares in Killala Lake Area and Cairngorm Lake Area Townships, near Marathon Ontario. In May 2017, Plato signed an option agreement with Rudy Wahl and co-owners to acquire 100% interest in the Good Hope Property. A drill program is planned for 2017.

The Timmins Ontario project includes 4 properties: Guibord, Harker, Holloway and Marriott in the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins, Ontario. The Holloway and Marriott properties are under option with Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. Plato holds 50% interest in the Guibord property with the remaining 50% held by [Osisko Mining Inc.](#) ("Osisko"). Osisko also holds 80% interest in the Harker property with Plato holding the remaining 20%.

In Argentina, Plato owns a 75% interest in Winnipeg Minerals S.A. ("WMSA"), an Argentina incorporated company. The Lolita Property, held by WMSA, is comprised of a number of contiguous mineral rights totaling 9,672 hectares. Work has advanced on this exploration property to the point that it is drill-ready or ready to be optioned to a partner.

For additional company information, please visit: www.platogold.com.

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