

# Alacer Gold Announces the Processing of Oxide Ore Through the Newly Constructed Çöpler Sulfide Plant

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TORONTO, Sept. 04, 2018 - [Alacer Gold Corp.](#) ("Alacer" or the "Company") [TSX: ASR and ASX: AQQ] announces the processing of the first oxide ore through the crushing and grinding circuit over the past weekend. The remainder of the plant, including the acidulation, pressure oxidation and counter current decantation circuits (collectively the "Sulfide Circuit"), will be started once the Sulfide Circuit commissioning is complete and the oxide circuit is fully operational and stabilized.

## About Alacer

Alacer is a leading low-cost gold producer, with an 80% interest in the world-class Çöpler Gold Mine ("Çöpler") in Turkey operated by Anagold Madencilik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. ("Anagold"), and the remaining 20% owned by Lidya Madencilik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. ("Lidya Mining"). The Corporation's primary focus is to leverage its cornerstone Çöpler Gold Mine and strong balance sheet to maximize portfolio value and free cash flow, minimize project risk, and therefore, create maximum value for shareholders. The Çöpler Gold Mine is located in east-central Turkey in the Erzincan Province, approximately 1,100 kilometers southeast from Istanbul and 550 kilometers east from Ankara, Turkey's capital city.

The Corporation continues to pursue opportunities to further expand its current operating base to become a sustainable multi-mine producer with a focus on Turkey:

## Çöpler Sulfide Expansion Project (the "Sulfide Project")

The Sulfide Project is near completion and remains on track to be delivered under budget and on schedule. The Sulfide Project is expected to deliver long-term growth with robust financial returns and adds 20 years of production at Çöpler. The Sulfide Project will bring Çöpler's remaining life-of-mine ("LoM") gold production to approximately 4 million ounces at All-in Sustaining Costs averaging \$645 per ounce<sup>1, 2</sup>.

## Çöpler Oxide Plant Production

Over the course of 2018, Alacer will process oxide ore from three primary sources: Çöpler in-pit, Çakmaktepe and blended material comprising limestone rich in-pit oxide material and stockpiled low sulfide, high carbonate ore. To maximize the processing capacity of the oxide plant, the expansion of the existing heap leach pad is being accelerated and is expected to be complete in 2018. In addition, the Corporation continues to evaluate opportunities to further extend oxide production beyond the current reserves with ongoing in-pit exploration, Çöpler District exploration, and evaluation of options to further increase heap leach capacity.

## District & In-Country Exploration Activities

The systematic and focused exploration efforts in the Çöpler District, as well as in other regions of Turkey, are progressing. The Çöpler District remains the focus, with the goal of continuing to grow oxide resources that will deliver production utilizing the existing Çöpler infrastructure. In the other regions of Turkey, targeted exploration work continues, including work on the Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") for the Gediktepe Project<sup>3</sup>.

Alacer is a Canadian corporation incorporated in the Yukon Territory with its primary listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The Corporation also has a secondary listing on the Australian Securities Exchange where CHESS Depositary Interests ("CDIs") trade.

<sup>1</sup> All-in Sustaining Costs per ounce is a consolidated non-IFRS performance measure with no standardized definition under IFRS. For further information and a detailed reconciliation to IFRS, please see the &ldquo;Non-IFRS Measures&rdquo; section of this MD&A.

<sup>2</sup> Detailed information regarding the Sulfide Project, including the material assumptions on which the forward-looking financial information is based, can be found in the technical report dated June 9, 2016 entitled &ldquo;Çöpler Mine Technical Report&rdquo; (the &ldquo;Çöpler Mine Technical Report&rdquo;) available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au). Alacer confirms that all material assumptions continue to apply and have not materially changed.

<sup>3</sup> Additional information on the Gediktepe Project can be found in the press release entitled &ldquo;Alacer Gold Announces a New Reserve for its Gediktepe Project Providing Future Growth,&rdquo; (the &ldquo;Gediktepe PFS&rdquo;) dated September 13, 2016, available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au).

## Cautionary Statements

Except for statements of historical fact relating to Alacer, certain statements contained in this press release constitute forward-looking information, future oriented financial information, or financial outlooks (collectively &ldquo;forward-looking information&rdquo;) within the meaning of Canadian securities laws. Forward-looking information may be contained in this document and other public filings of Alacer. Forward-looking information often relates to statements concerning Alacer&rsquo;s outlook and anticipated events or results, and in some cases, can be identified by terminology such as &ldquo;may&rdquo;, &ldquo;will&rdquo;, &ldquo;could&rdquo;, &ldquo;should&rdquo;, &ldquo;expect&rdquo;, &ldquo;plan&rdquo;, &ldquo;anticipate&rdquo;, &ldquo;believe&rdquo;, &ldquo;intend&rdquo;, &ldquo;estimate&rdquo;, &ldquo;projects&rdquo;, &ldquo;predict&rdquo;, &ldquo;potential&rdquo;, &ldquo;continue&rdquo; or other similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts.

Forward-looking information includes statements concerning, among other things, preliminary cost reporting in this document; production, cost, and capital expenditure guidance; the ability to expand the current heap leach pad; development plans for processing sulfide ore at Çöpler; the results of any gold reconciliations; the ability to discover additional oxide gold ore; the generation of free cash flow and payment of dividends; matters relating to proposed exploration; communications with local stakeholders; maintaining community and government relations; negotiations of joint ventures; negotiation and completion of transactions; commodity prices; mineral resources, mineral reserves, realization of mineral reserves, and the existence or realization of mineral resource estimates; the development approach; the timing and amount of future production; the timing of studies, announcements, and analysis; the timing of construction and development of proposed mines and process facilities; capital and operating expenditures; economic conditions; availability of sufficient financing; exploration plans; receipt of regulatory approvals; and any and all other timing, exploration, development, operational, financial, budgetary, economic, legal, social, environmental, regulatory, and political matters that may influence or be influenced by future events or conditions.

Such forward-looking information and statements are based on a number of material factors and assumptions, including, but not limited in any manner to, those disclosed in any other of Alacer&rsquo;s filings, and include the inherent speculative nature of exploration results; the ability to explore; communications with local stakeholders; maintaining community and governmental relations; status of negotiations of joint ventures; weather conditions at Alacer&rsquo;s operations; commodity prices; the ultimate determination of and realization of mineral reserves; existence or realization of mineral resources; the development approach; availability and receipt of required approvals, titles, licenses and permits; sufficient working capital to develop and operate the mines and implement development plans; access to adequate services and supplies; foreign currency exchange rates; interest rates; access to capital markets and associated cost of funds; availability of a qualified work force; ability to negotiate, finalize, and execute relevant agreements; lack of social opposition to the mines or facilities; lack of legal challenges with respect to the property of Alacer; the timing and amount of future production; the ability to meet production, cost, and capital expenditure targets; timing and ability to produce studies and analyses; capital and operating expenditures; economic conditions; availability of sufficient financing; the ultimate ability to mine, process, and sell mineral products on economically favorable terms; and any and all other timing, exploration, development, operational, financial, budgetary, economic, legal, social, geopolitical, regulatory and political factors that may influence future events or conditions. While we consider these factors and assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to us, they may prove to be incorrect.

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future events. Actual results may vary from such forward-looking information for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, risks and uncertainties disclosed in Alacer's filings on the Corporation's website at [www.alacergold.com](http://www.alacergold.com), on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the ASX at [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au), and other unforeseen events or circumstances. Other than as required by law, Alacer does not intend, and undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking information to reflect, among other things, new information or future events.

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