Ashanti Gold Shareholders Approve Business Combination with Desert Gold Ventures Inc.

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Desert Gold Ventures Inc. (TSXV: DAU) (FSE: QXR2) (OTC PINK: DAUGF) ("Desert Gold" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the previously disclosed business combination between Ashanti Gold and the Company was approved at yesterday's special meeting of Ashanti Gold shareholders.

ABOUT THE ASHANTI GOLD ACQUISITION

On April 1, 2019 the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Ashanti Gold Corp. by way of a 3-cornered amalgamation ("the Combination Agreement"). Pursuant to the Combination Agreement, Desert Gold will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Ashanti on the basis of 0.2857 Desert Gold common shares for each Ashanti Share. The transaction is expected to close by the end of May 2019 and is subject to regulatory approvals and is conditional on Ashanti being granted a new exploration license over the Kossanto East exploration permit area in Western Mali.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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ABOUT DESERT GOLD

Desert Gold Ventures Inc. is a gold exploration and development company which holds 3 gold exploration permits in Western Mali (Farabantourou, Segala West and Djimbala) and its Rutare gold project in central Rwanda. For further information please visit www.SEDAR.com under the company's profile. Website: www.desertgold.ca

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