

# Avesoro Resources Inc. Q3 2019 Production Update

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TORONTO, Oct. 10, 2019 - [Avesoro Resources Inc.](#) (the "Company" or "Avesoro") (TSX: ASO, AIM: ASO) announces its preliminary production results for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 ("Q3" or the "Quarter") from its New Liberty Gold Mine ("New Liberty") in Liberia, and Youga Gold Mine ("Youga") in Burkina Faso.

## Operational Highlights

- Consolidated gold production of 22,678 ounces in the Quarter, bringing year to date ("YTD") 2019 gold production to 102,113 ounces;
- ● New Liberty gold production of 8,059 ounces in the Quarter, a 57% decrease on Q2 2019, due to heavy rainfall flooding the main pit;
- Youga gold production of 14,619 ounces in the Quarter, a 6% decrease on Q2 2019, as a result of a security incident which hampered mining fleet availability;
- Total material movement ("TMM") of 10.6Mt in the Quarter, a 14% decrease on Q2 2019, consisting of 440kt of ore and 10.1Mt of waste material.

Serhan Umurhan, Chief Executive Officer of Avesoro, commented: "Following the transition to contractor mining at New Liberty and Youga earlier this year, both mines have experienced operational issues that adversely affected our mining rates and gold production performance in the Quarter.

However, I am confident that operational performance will improve at both mines during Q4, with the end of the wet season allowing New Liberty to materially enhance productivity in the near term despite the recent pit-wall failure. Meanwhile, an additional 15 trucks, 6 excavators, a rock drill and further auxiliary equipment will be available at Youga later this week at the mining contractors cost, and we expect that this will result in an uplift in production during Q4.

Given a number of operational uncertainties our full year production guidance remains under review. The Company intends to provide updated guidance once operational performance has stabilised for a sustained period of time."

Table 1: Preliminary Group Production Results

Parameter	Unit	Q3 2019	Q2 2019	Variance	Q2 2018	Variance	YTD
Ore mined	kt	440	471	-7%	629	-30%	1,520
Waste mined	kt	10,133	11,818	-14%	9,146	11%	34,553
Total material movement	kt	10,574	12,289	-14%	9,775	8%	36,073
Ore processed	kt	416	600	-31%	633	-34%	1,643
Gold production	Ounces	22,678	34,338	-34%	47,177	-52%	102,113

## New Liberty

As previously reported in the Company's August 8, 2019 announcement, heavy rainfall in late July and August resulted in the flooding of the main pit at New Liberty. As a consequence, ore mining operations were suspended for most of August and September, with the mining fleet focusing on waste stripping during this

time.

With mining productivity hampered, total ore mined during the Quarter decreased by 58% to 107kt and total material movement during the Quarter reduced by 12% to 6.87Mt versus Q2 2019 whilst strip ratio increased to 63.4:1.

The shortfall in ore led to the suspension of milling operations for much of August and September. Plant throughput reduced by 60% to 106kt yielding gold production of 8,059 ounces, a 57% decrease on production achieved during Q2 2019.

Table 2: New Liberty Performance Metrics

Parameter	Unit	Q3 2019	Q2 2019	Variance	Q3 2018	Variance
Mined grade	g/t	2.49	2.50	0%	2.86	-13%
Ore mined	kt	107	257	-58%	396	-73%
Waste mined	kt	6,766	7,593	-11%	5,237	29%
Strip ratio	Waste:Ore	63.4	29.5	115%	13.2	380%
Total material movement	kt	6,873	7,850	-12%	5,634	22%
Feed grade	g/t	2.51	2.36	6%	2.82	-11%
Ore processed	kt	106	268	-60%	354	-70%
Recovery	%	94%	92%	2%	90%	5%
Gold production	ounces	8,059	18,822	-57%	27,456	-71%

### Youga

As previously reported in the Company's announcements dated August 8, and August 9, 2019, Youga experienced a security breach resulting in severe damage to a number of haul trucks, excavators and auxiliary equipment within the Heavy Mining Equipment ("HME") fleet and the temporary suspension of both mining and processing activities.

Due to the security breach, the HME fleet capacity was reduced for much of the Quarter, resulting in TMM of 3.7Mt, a reduction of 17% on the previous Quarter. Waste mined decreased by 20% to 3.37Mt whilst ore mined increased by 56% to 333kt resulting in a waste to ore stripping ratio of 10:1. Mined grade decreased by 4% on the previous quarter to 2.15g/t as production from Gassore was supplemented by low grade low-strip sections of the Zergore pit.

Due to the fleet damage constraining mining activities, plant throughout reduced by 7% to 310kt during the Quarter, resulting in a gold production of 14,619 ounces.

Table 3: Youga Performance Metrics

Parameter	Unit	Q3 2019	Q2 2019	Variance	Q3 2018	Variance
Mined grade	g/t	2.15	2.24	-4%	2.76	-22%
Ore mined	kt	333	214	56%	233	43%
Waste mined	kt	3,367	4,225	-20%	3,909	-14%
Strip ratio	Waste:Ore	10.1	19.8	-49%	16.8	-40%
Total material movement	kt	3,701	4,439	-17%	4,142	-11%
Feed grade	g/t	1.61	1.59	1%	2.44	-34%
Ore processed	kt	310	332	-7%	279	11%
Recovery	%	91%	91%	0%	90%	1%
Gold production	ounces	14,619	15,516	-6%	19,721	-26%

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Avesoro Resources is a West Africa focused gold producer and development company that operates two gold mines across West Africa and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and the AIM market operated by the London Stock Exchange ("AIM"). The Company's assets include the New Liberty Gold Mine in Liberia and the Youga Gold Mine in Burkina Faso.

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