Banyan Announces Expansion of Aurmac Property and Acquisition of The Nitra Property, Yukon

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VANCOUVER, September 9, 2020 - <u>Banyan Gold Corp.</u> (the "Company" or "Banyan") (TSX-V:BYN) is pleased to announce that it has staked an additional 401 claims situated immediately adjacent and contiguous to the AurMac Property; significantly expanding the AurMac footprint from 92 square kilometres to 156 square kilometres.

Concurrently, Banyan identified and staked a new package of land located 5 km to the west of the AurMac Project, which based on prospecting exhibits similar geological potential. The new property has been named the Nitra Property and comprises 593 claims and 117 square kilometres.

"Banyan has now expanded our land position to over 270 square kilometres of highly prospective ground that fits the application of our geological model developed and utilized to successfully unlock near surface gold resources at Airstrip and Powerline", stated Tara Christie, President and CEO, "The Mayo Mining District is an extremely prospective and active mining camp, and Banyan intends to be a leader in the advancement of mineral resources in the area."

The newly staked expansion to AurMac and the Nitra properties are 100% owned by Banyan.

Banyan selected the name Nitra to honour the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, within whose Traditional Territory the AurMac and Nitra Properties are located. Nitra is from the Northern Tuchone language, the ancestral language of the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun and means "respect".

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events and registration details for them are listed on the Company website and include:

Webinars:

September 29nd, 2020 - 2pm Est. Hosted by Adelaide Capital (*Note: change of date)

Precious Metals Summit Beaver Creek, Virtual Conference - September 15-17, 2020 Presentation: Wed, Sep 16 at 15:30-15:45

Qualified Person

Paul D. Gray, P.Geo., Vice President of Exploration for the Company, is a "qualified person" as ‎defined under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the content of this news release. ‎

COVID-19 Update

Banyan has taken proactive measures to protect the health and safety of our employees and communities from COVID 19 and exploration activities in 2020 have additional safety measures in place and are adapted as needed, following and exceeding all the recommendations made by the Yukon's Chief Medical Officer.

About Banyan

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Banyan's primary asset AurMac is adjacent to Victoria Gold's new Eagle Gold Mine, in Canada's Yukon Territory, which announced commercial production on July 1, 2020. The AurMac initial resource of 903,945 oz. Au (see Table 1 below) was announced in May 2020. Our major strategic shareholders include Osisko Gold Royalties, Sprott Funds, <u>Alexco Resource Corp.</u>, and <u>Victoria Gold Corp.</u>. Banyan is focused on gold exploration projects that have the geological potential, size of land package and proximity to infrastructure that is advantageous for a mineral project to have potential to become a mine. Our Yukon based projects both fit this model and our objective is to gain shareholder value by advancing projects in our pipeline.

The 156 sq. km AurMac Property lies 30km from Victoria Gold's Eagle Project and adjacent to Alexco 's Keno Hill Silver District and is highly prospective for structurally controlled, intrusion related gold-silver mineralization. The property is located adjacent to the main Yukon highway and just off the main access road to the Victoria Gold open-pit, heap leach Eagle Gold mine. The AurMac Property benefits from a 3-phase powerline, existing Yukon Energy Corp. switching power station and cell phone coverage. Banyan has optioned the properties from Victoria Gold and Alexco respectively with a right to earn up to a 100% interest subject to royalties.

The 2020 Initial Mineral Resource Estimate prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") guidelines for the AurMac Property is 903,945 ‎ounces of gold. It is a near surface, road accessible pit constrained Mineral Resource contained in two near/on-surface deposits: The Airstrip and Powerline deposits. The Mineral Resource is summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Pit-Constrained Inferred Mineral Resources at a 0.2 g/t Au Cut-Off - AurMac Property

Deposit	Classification	Tonnage	Average Au Grade	Au Content
		Tonnes	g/t	OZ.
Airstrip	Inferred	45,997,911	0.524	774,926
Powerline	Inferred	6,578,609	0.610	129,019
Total Combined	Inferred	52,576,520	0.535	903,945

Notes to Table 1: ‎

- 1. The effective date for the Mineral Resource is May 25, 2020.
- 2. Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, changes in global gold markets or other relevant issues.
- 3. The CIM definitions were followed for classification of Mineral Resources. The quantity and grade of reported inferred Mineral Resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature ‎and there has been insufficient exploration to define these inferred Mineral Resources as an ‎indicated Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an ‎indicated or measured Mineral Resource category.
- 4. Mineral Resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.2 g/t Au, using a US\$/CAN\$ exchange rate of 0.75 and constrained within an open pit shell optimized with the Lerchs-Grossman algorithm to constrain the Mineral Resources with the following estimated parameters: gold price of US\$1,500/ounce, US\$1.50/t mining cost, US\$2.00/t processing cost, US\$2.50/t G+A, 80% heap leach recoveries, and 45° pit slope[1]
- 5. Mineral Resource Estimate prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 guidelines by Marc Jutras, P.Eng., M.A.Sc., Principal, Ginto Consulting Inc, with technical report filed July 7,2020.

The Hyland Gold Project, located 70km NE of Watson Lake, Yukon, along the southeast end of the Tintina Gold Belt is a sediment hosted, structurally controlled, intrusion related gold deposit, with a large land package (over 125 sq. km), with the resource contained in the Main Zone area (900x600m) daylighting at surface and numerous other known surface gold targets. The Main Zone oxide zone is amenable to heap leach open pit mining, with column leach recoveries of 86%. The project has an existing gravel access road.

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Table 2 shows the Hyland Main Zone Indicated Gold Resource Estimate, prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, at a 0.3 g/t gold equivalent cutoff, contains 8.6 million tonnes grading 0.85 g/t AuEq for 236,000 AuEq ounces with an Inferred Mineral Resource of 10.8 million tonnes grading 0.83 g/t AuEq for 288,000 AuEq ounces. NI 43-101 prepared by Robert Carne, Allan Armitage and Paul Gray on May 1, 2018.

Table 2: Hyland Main Zone Indicated Gold Resource Estimate

Cut-off Grade		Au		Ag		AuEq	
(AuEq g/t)	In situ Tonnes	Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs
			Indicate	ed			
0.3	8,637,000	0.78	216,000	7.04	1,954,000	0.85	236,000
			Inferre	d			
0.3	10,784,000	0.77	266,000	5.32	1,845,000	0.83	288,000

⁽¹⁾ Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate.

(2) Mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.3 g/t AuEq. AuEq grade is based on \$1,350.00/oz Au, \$17.00/oz Ag and assumes a 100% recovery. The AuEq calculation does not apply any adjustment factors for difference in metallurgical recoveries of gold and silver. This information can only be derived from definitive metallurgical testing which has yet to be completed.

Banyan trades on the TSX-Venture Exchange under the symbol "BYN". For more information, please visit the corporate website at www.BanyanGold.com or contact the Company.

ON BEHALF OF Banyan Gold Corp.

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