Canagold Retains Ausenco Engineering to Complete Feasibility Study on New Polaris Project

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<u>CanaGold Resources Ltd.</u> (TSX: CCM, OTC-QB: CRCUF, Frankfurt: CANA) (the "Company" or "Canagold"), is pleased to announce it has retained Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc. ("Ausenco") to complete a feasibility study on the Company's New Polaris project ("New Polaris", or the "project") located in Northwestern B.C.

"I'm delighted to announce Canagold's selection of Ausenco to undertake the feasibility study at New Polaris," said Catalin Kilofliski, CEO of Canagold. "We're very pleased with our progress on this project to date and I'm confident this will be another important next step forward for us as we move forward along the path of our development of the Company's flagship asset."

Key Objectives for the Feasibility Study

- Resource model update (to include over 30,000 metres of additional drilling completed)
- Mining reserves calculation and detailed underground mine plan development
- Engineer and design all surface infrastructure and processing facilities to include among others: flotation, bio-oxidation, leaching and gold dore bar production
- Engineer and design surface dry stack tailings disposal facility (with no long-term adverse impact on the environment)
- Evaluate all renewable power alternatives that may be feasible for New Polaris
- Complete detailed capital and operating cost estimates, including a detailed financial model for the life
 of the project

The feasibility study is expected to conclude in approximately 18 months.

About Ausenco

Ausenco is a global company based across 26 offices in 14 countries, with projects in over 80 locations worldwide. The company's deep technical expertise, along with its 30-year track record of innovative, value-added consulting engagements, bring the requisite experience to deliver a robust and credible feasibility study product for New Polaris that will support the project's financing and development plan requirements. Some of their key qualifications include:

- Management expertise to integrate all the aspects of the New Polaris permitting process, currently being managed by Ausenco's integrated Sustainability team
- Direct, recent experience in the design, build and successful operation of similar BIOX gold processing plants
- World-class teamwork and leadership with the optimal combination of technical expertise and local knowledge in B.C.
- Proven ESG performance and practices globally
- Ability to deliver a fast-track execution schedule with a significant and successful record of project delivery

About New Polaris

New Polaris is Canagold's flagship asset, which is the 100% owned gold mine project located in northwestern B.C. about 100 kilometres south of Atlin, B.C. and 60 kilometres northeast of Juneau, Alaska. The property consists of 61 contiguous Crown-granted mineral claims and one modified grid claim covering

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850 hectares. New Polaris lies within the Taku River Tlingit First Nation ("TRTFN") traditional territory. Canagold is firmly committed to working closely with the TRFTN on all aspects of project's, consultations, planning and future development plans. The Company's primary objective is to build a successful long-term partnership with TRTFN, in order to plan and create together a project with a long-lasting positive impact on the environment, the members of the TRTFN, the local community of Atlin and other surrounding communities.

A Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), completed in February 2019 by Moose Mountain Technical Services, demonstrated the robust economic viability of the project. Using a gold price of US\$1,500 per oz, the PEA indicated cash costs of US\$400 per oz, an after-tax Net Present Value (NPV with 5% discount) of CA\$469 million with an after-tax Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of 56% and a 1.9 year pay-back period. On a pre-tax basis, the undiscounted life-of-mine cash flow totals CA\$847 million (\$CA\\$US exchange rate 0.71).

The current resource (from the 2019 PEA, 4g/t Au cut off) includes an Indicated resource of 586,000 oz Au (1.7Mt @ 10.8 g/t) and an Inferred resource of 485,000 oz Au (1.5Mt @ 10.2 g/t).

During 2021 and 2022 over 30,000 metres of drilling in 54 holes was completed to upgrade the inferred resource to the indicated resource category and increase the mineral resources. An update to mineral resource estimates will be made using this recent and currently ongoing drilling information for the feasibility study.

Qualified Person

Garry Biles, P.Eng, President & COO for <u>CanaGold Resources Ltd.</u>, is the Qualified Person who reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

About Canagold

<u>CanaGold Resources Ltd.</u> is a growth-oriented gold exploration company focused on advancing the New Polaris Project through feasibility and permitting. Canagold is also seeking to grow its assets base through future acquisitions of additional advanced projects. The Company has access to a team of technical experts to help unlock significant value for all Canagold shareholders.

"Catalin Kilofliski"

Catalin Kilofliski Chief Executive Officer

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