Athena Gold Announces Up To \$2 Million Non-Brokered Private Placement

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WHITE ROCK, November 17, 2025 - <u>Athena Gold Corp.</u> (CSE:ATHA)(OTCQB:AHNRF) ("Athena" or the "Company") is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of up to CDN \$2,000,000 (the "Offering") that will consist of a combination of:

- CDN \$1,500,000 through the issuance of up to 21,428,571 flow-through common shares (the "FT Shares") at a price of CDN \$0.07 per FT Share; and
- CDN \$500,000 through the issuance of up to 8,333,333 non-flow-through units ("NFT Units) at a price of CDN \$0.06 per NFT Unit.

Each NFT Unit is comprised of one common non-flow-through common share and one non-flow-through share purchase warrant, with each warrant exercisable for one non-flow-through common share at an exercise price of CDN \$0.09 for a term of 24 months after the closing subject to an acceleration clause. If, at any time after the date that is 4 months and one day after the date of issuance of the warrants, the average volume weighted trading price of Athena's common shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange is at or above CDN \$0.14 per share for a period of 10 consecutive trading days (the "Triggering Event"), Athena may at any time, after the Triggering Event, accelerate the expiry date of the warrants by giving ten calendar days' notice to the holders of the warrants, by way of news release, and in such case the warrants will expire on the first day that is 30 calendar days after the date on which such notice is given by Athena announcing the Triggering Event.

Each FT Share will qualify as a "flow-through share" of the Company as defined in section 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act"). Proceeds of the FT Shares will be spent on the Company's Laird Lake and Oneman Lake Projects located in Ontario, that will qualify as "Canadian Exploration Expenses" and "flow-through critical mineral mining expenditures" as those terms are defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada), which will be renounced to the purchased of the FT Shares with an effective date no later than December 31, 2025.

The proceeds from the sale of the NFT Units will be used for additional exploration work on the Company's properties and for general and administrative expenses and working capital purposes.

The Offering is scheduled to close in tranches, with the first tranche expected to close by late November and is subject to certain conditions, including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary regulatory and other approvals, including approval by the Canadian Securities Exchange. The Company may pay finders' fees in connection with the Offering in cash, shares, warrants or a combination thereof. All securities to be issued under the Offering will be subject to a hold period of four months and one day from their date of issuance.

Any participation by insiders in the Offering will constitute a related party transaction subject to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). The Company intends to rely on exemptions from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements provided under subsections 5.5(a) and 5.7(a) of MI 61-101 on the basis that participation in the Offering by insiders will not exceed 25% of the fair market value of the Company's market capitalization.

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United States nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. The securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States unless registered under the 1933 Act and any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements is available.

The Company is contemplating a share consolidation to take place after the Offering, and likely immediately prior to its drilling campaign proposed for Q1 2026 (see press release dated November 13, 2025).

About Athena Gold Corporation

Athena is engaged in the business of mineral exploration and the acquisition of mineral property assets. Its objective is to locate and develop economic precious and base metal properties of merit and to conduct additional exploration drilling and studies on its projects across North America. Athena's Laird Lake project is situated in the Red Lake Gold District of Ontario, covering over 7,000 hectares along more than 10 km of the Balmer-Confederation Assemblage contact, where recent surface sampling results returned up to 373 g/t Au. This underexplored area is road-accessible, located about 10 km west of West Red Lake Gold's Madsen mine and 34 km northwest of Kinross Gold's Great Bear project. Meanwhile, its Excelsior Springs Project is located in the prolific Walker Lane Trend in Nevada, where it is currently under an earn-in option with Mammoth Minerals Limited (formerly, Firetail Resources Limited). The Excelsior Springs Project spans over 2,500 hectares and covers at least three historic mines. Athena also holds 100% interest in its Oneman Lake Au-VMS project in Ontario.

For further information about Athena Gold Corporation, please visit www.athenagoldcorp.com.

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with the future exploration and development of the Company's projects in a timely manner.

The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking statements by the Company are not guarantees of future results or performance, and that actual results may differ materially from those in forward-looking statements.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements in this press release or incorporated by reference herein, except as otherwise stated.

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