



## Ark Secures Toll Treat Agreement

**Sydney, 14 November 2016:** The Board of Ark Mines Ltd (**ASX: AHK**) is pleased to announce that a toll treat agreement has been executed by AHK and NT Mining Operations Pty Ltd ACN 136 525 990 (**Newmarket**).

The new toll treat agreement (**New Agreement**) replaces the toll treat agreement executed by AHK and Newmarket in August 2015 (**Previous Agreement**) (see *AHK's previous announcement dated 18/08/2015*), which was recently terminated by Newmarket (see *AHK's previous announcement dated 27/09/2016*).

The New Agreement provides:

- AHK must commence mining within 9 months after the New Agreement execution date, which is 14 November 2016 (**Execution Date**);
- a term of 12 months after the Execution Date, which may be extended with Newmarket's consent;
- Newmarket shall not be obliged to treat any gold oxide ore that AHK has mined and delivered to the Newmarket ROM during the period 1/10/16 to 31/03/16 (which coincides with the NT wet season), unless otherwise agreed by Newmarket; and
- Newmarket's arrangements with AHK are non-exclusive.

The New Agreement is **not** a joint venture and there will be no profit sharing of gold doré sales as contemplated under the Previous Agreement.

As a consequence of:

- the Mt. Porter MMP approval process taking longer than reasonably anticipated;
- significant adverse wet season weather events already experienced near the Pine Creek area;
- Newmarket's preference not to process AHK's oxide ore during the NT wet season; and
- the early process of oxide ore being central to AHK's plans to generate early revenues to support cash-flow requirements;

AHK has:

- decided to defer commencement of mining at Mt. Porter until commencement of the NT dry season, around March 2017; and
- procured from the NT Department of Mines and Energy, an extension of time to provide the Mt. Porter MMP security, which must now be provided prior to 30 April 2017 (see *AHK's previous announcement dated 22/08/2016*). The security must be provided before mining may commence.



AHK's Managing Director, Roger Jackson, said:

*"We are very pleased to have signed a new toll treat agreement with Newmarket, and thank them for their efforts in getting this resolved. Whilst we are disappointed not to commence Mt. Porter mining immediately, we will certainly be using our time wisely, to refine the Mt. Porter mining plan and also readying Mt. Porter South and Glencoe for mining as soon as possible".*

#### **About Ark Mines**

AHK is a Sydney based company now readying itself for near term gold production, from assets in the Northern Territory. The company's aim is to establish itself as a medium level gold producer producing gold from tenements in the Northern Territory, developing prospective tenements in the Northern Territory and to acquire other prospective gold projects in Australia.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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*The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves has been compiled by Roger Jackson BSc, Grad Dip Fin Man, Dip Ed, AICD, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and who has more than five years' experience in the field of activity being reported on. Mr Jackson is a director of the Company. Mr Jackson has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Jackson consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*