

# Austral Gold Commissions a Pre-Feasibility Study for Combined Amancaya and Guanaco Operations

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Newsfile – October 28, 2016) – Austral Gold Limited. ("Austral" or the "Company") (ASX:AGD) (TSXV:AAM) is pleased to announce it has commissioned Roscoe Postle Associates Inc ("RPA") to undertake a Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS") to evaluate the viability of Austral's plan to build and operate the Amancaya Project in conjunction with its operation of the nearby Guanaco underground mine and agitation leach plant. The Company expects the report to be completed by the first quarter of 2017.

"We are pleased to announce the engagement of RPA to undertake this PFS, which will contemplate the combined operation of our high grade gold-silver Amancaya Project with our Guanaco mine in Chile", stated Stabro Kasaneva, CEO of Austral Gold. "Infill drilling commenced in the first week in September with the goal to provide data for this study. In parallel, we are expecting to continue to advance other elements of the project that would put us in the position to ramp up quickly to commencing operations at Amancaya if the results of the PES are favourable."

The Amancaya Project is 60 kilometres to the southwest of Austral's underground gold mine at Guanaco. If the PFS is favourable, Austral expects to haul production from initial small open pits on two veins at Amancaya to the Guanaco plant for processing, which is approximately 73 kilometres from the proposed mine via public roads. In parallel, Austral plans to develop underground infrastructure and access to enable production from the steeply dipping veins that host the gold and silver mineralisation.

#### **Qualified Person**

Mike Brown, MAIG, as a qualified person under NI 43-101 and an employee of the Company, has reviewed and prepared all technical information.

## About Austral Gold

Austral Gold Limited is a growing precious metals mining, development and exploration company building a portfolio of quality assets in Chile and Argentina. The Company's flagship Guanaco project in Chile is a low-cost gold and silver producing mine with further exploration upside. The company is also operator of the underground silver-gold Casposo mine in San Juan, Argentina. With an experienced local technical team and highly regarded major shareholder, Austral's goal is to continue to strengthen its asset base through acquisition and discovery. Austral Gold Limited is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V:AAM) and the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: AGD). For more information, please consult the company's website <a href="https://www.australgold.com">www.australgold.com</a>

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