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**Q4 2018 PRODUCTION RESULTS AND
FULL YEAR PRODUCTION GUIDANCE ACHIEVED**

Avesoro Resources Inc., (“Avesoro” or the “Company”), the TSX and AIM listed West African gold producer, is pleased to announce its preliminary production results for the quarter ended December 31, 2018 (“Q4” or the “Quarter”) of 44,962 ounces. The Company achieved full year guidance with 220,458 ounces of gold produced for the year ended December 31, 2018 (“FY 2018”) from its New Liberty Gold Mine (“New Liberty”) in Liberia, and Youga Gold Mine (“Youga”) in Burkina Faso.

Highlights:

- FY 2018 gold production of 220,458 ounces, a 15% increase on FY 2017 pro-forma group production; and
- Gold production by asset, as follows:
 - New Liberty gold production of 24,573 ounces in the Quarter and 109,707 ounces in FY 2018, a 44% increase on FY 2017; and
 - Youga gold production of 20,389 ounces in the Quarter and 110,751 ounces in FY 2018, a 4% reduction on FY 2017.

The Company intends to provide 2019 production guidance and an updated Mineral Reserve and Resource estimate for New Liberty, including the Ndablama satellite deposit, in March 2019.

Serhan Umurhan, Chief Executive Officer of Avesoro, commented: “2018 represented a significant year for Avesoro and established our position as a multi-asset producer. I am very pleased to announce that we have achieved our full year production guidance for 2018, which remained unchanged throughout the year. 2018 annual production of 220,458 ounces also represents a 15% increase compared with 2017 pro-forma production from the two mines. The substantial increase in gold production at New Liberty of 44% versus the prior year also underlines the strong performance of our team as we continue to optimise operational performance and add value at our mines.

Moving into 2019, I look forward to updating the market on the results of the ongoing prefeasibility study at the New Liberty underground project which is also expected to include the first open pit reserves from the Ndablama satellite deposit towards the end of the first quarter of 2019. The focus for this coming year will be on the delivery of strong cash flow and further debt reduction following the substantial reinvestment of cash generated by operations that characterised 2018.”

Table 1: Preliminary Full Year 2018 Production Results

| Parameter | Unit | New Liberty FY2018 | New Liberty FY2017 | Variance | Youga FY2018 | Youga FY2017 ¹ | Variance | Group Results FY2018 | Group Results FY2017 ¹ | Variance |
|-------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Ore Mined | kt | 1,352* | 1,166 | 16% | 969 | 870 | 11% | 2,321 | 2,036 | 14% |
| Waste Mined | kt | 21,797* | 12,935 | 69% | 14,472 | 8,645 | 67% | 36,269 | 21,580 | 68% |
| Total Material Movement | kt | 23,149 | 14,102 | 64% | 15,441 | 9,515 | 62% | 38,590 | 23,617 | 63% |
| Ore Processed | kt | 1,411 | 1,144 | 23% | 1,237 | 1,200 | 3% | 2,648 | 2,344 | 13% |



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|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|-----|---------|---------|-----|---------|---------|-----|
| Gold Production | Ounces | 109,707 | 76,179 | 44% | 110,751 | 115,894 | -4% | 220,458 | 192,073 | 15% |
|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|-----|---------|---------|-----|---------|---------|-----|

Note: ¹ Including the period prior to acquisition of Youga by the Company on December 18, 2017.

*Including adjustments for year-end survey reconciliation.

New Liberty

Improvements in mining fleet availability and in-pit efficiencies resulted in a 21% increase in total material movement during the Quarter following the wet season in Q3 2018. Process plant throughput for the Quarter increased by 2% to 362kt, however, gold production for the Quarter reduced by 11% on the previous quarter due to a decrease in plant feed grades.

Table 2: New Liberty Performance Metrics

| Parameter | Unit | Q4-2018 | Q3-2018 | Variance | Q4-2017 | Variance |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Ore Mined | kt | 347 | 396 | -12% | 354 | -2% |
| Mined Grade | g/t | 2.77 | 2.86 | -3% | 2.53 | 9% |
| Waste Mined | kt | 6,445 | 5,237 | 23% | 2,445 | 164% |
| Strip Ratio | Waste: Ore | 18.6 | 13.2 | 41% | 6.9 | 169% |
| Total Material Movement | kt | 6,792 | 5,634 | 21% | 2,800 | 143% |
| Ore Processed | kt | 362 | 354 | 2% | 315 | 15% |
| Feed Grade | g/t | 2.44 | 2.82 | -13% | 2.97 | -18% |
| Recovery | % | 89 | 90 | -1% | 90 | -1% |
| Gold Production | Ounces | 24,573 | 27,456 | -11% | 25,563 | -4% |

Youga

Total material movement for the Quarter was 4,281kt, an increase of 3% on the previous quarter. Mined grade and plant feed grades were adversely impacted during the Quarter by unplanned ore dilution experienced during mining in the Gassore pit by -5% and -16% respectively. However, this was compensated for by an increase of 24% in plant throughput, with the plant throughput returning to normalised levels following a reduction during Q3 caused by the impact of unusually heavy rains. Gold production in the Quarter totalled 20,389 ounces, an increase of 3% on Q3 2018.

Table 3: Youga Performance Metrics

| Parameter | Unit | Q4-2018 | Q3-2018 | Variance | Q4-2017 | Variance |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Ore Mined ¹ | kt | 282 | 233 | 21% | 210 | 34% |
| Mined Grade ¹ | g/t | 2.62 | 2.76 | -5% | 5.84 | -55% |
| Waste Mined | kt | 3,998 | 3,909 | 2% | 1,951 | 105% |
| Strip Ratio | Waste: Ore | 14.2 | 16.8 | -16% | 9.3 | 52% |
| Total Material Movement | kt | 4,281 | 4,142 | 3% | 2,161 | 98% |
| Ore Processed | kt | 345 | 279 | 24% | 306 | 13% |
| Feed Grade | g/t | 2.04 | 2.44 | -16% | 3.30 | -38% |
| Recovery | % | 90 | 90 | 0% | 89 | 1% |
| Gold Production | Ounces | 20,389 | 19,721 | 3% | 28,845 | -29% |

¹ Including 21kt of ore at 4.81 g/t from the Balogo satellite deposit in Q4 2018 (Q3 2018: 44kt at 4.53 g/t).

Outlook



The Company intends to provide 2019 production and cost guidance and updated Mineral Reserve and Resource estimates for the New Liberty underground project, including the Ndablama satellite deposit, during March 2019.

Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

Certain information contained in this announcement would have been deemed inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 until the release of this announcement.

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About Avesoro Resources Inc.

Avesoro Resources is a West Africa focused gold producer and development company that operates two gold mines across West Africa and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and the AIM market operated by the London Stock Exchange ("AIM"). The Company's assets include the New Liberty Gold Mine in Liberia ("New Liberty") and the Youga Gold Mine in Burkina Faso ("Youga").

New Liberty has an estimated Proven and Probable Mineral Reserve of 7.4Mt with 717,000 ounces of gold grading 3.03g/t and an estimated Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 11.5Mt with 1,105,000 ounces of gold grading 3.0g/t and an estimated Inferred Mineral Resource of 3.7Mt with 424,000 ounces of gold grading 3.6g/t. The Company has prepared an NI 43-101 compliant Technical Report dated November 1, 2017 and entitled "New Liberty Gold Mine, Bea Mountain Mining Licence Southern Block, Liberia, West Africa" and is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Youga has an estimated Proven and Probable Mineral Reserve of 11.2Mt with 660,100 ounces of gold grading 1.84g/t and a combined estimated Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 16.64Mt with 924,200 ounces of gold grading 1.73g/t and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 13Mt with 685,000 ounces of gold grading 1.70g/t. The foregoing Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimates and additional information in connection therewith, prepared in accordance with CIM guidelines, is set out in an NI 43-101 compliant Technical Report dated July 31, 2018 and entitled "Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Update for the Youga Gold Mine, Burkina Faso" and is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

For more information, please visit www.avesoro.com

Qualified Persons



The Company's Qualified Person is Mark J. Pryor, who holds a BSc (Hons) in Geology & Mineralogy from Aberdeen University, United Kingdom and is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London, a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists and a registered Professional Natural Scientist (Pr. Sci.Nat) of the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions. Mark Pryor is an independent technical consultant with over 25 years of global experience in exploration, mining and mine development and is a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43 -101 "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects" of the Canadian Securities Administrators and has reviewed and approved this press release. Mr. Pryor has verified the underlying technical data disclosed in this press release.

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Forward looking statements or information in this press release include, among other things, statements regarding the provision of 2019 production and cost guidance, and updated Mineral Reserve and Resource estimates for the New Liberty underground project in March 2019.

In making the forward looking information or statements contained in this press release, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: general business, economic and mining industry conditions; interest rates and foreign exchange rates; the continuing accuracy of Mineral Resource and Reserve estimates; geological and metallurgical conditions (including with respect to the size, grade and recoverability of Mineral Resources and Reserves) and cost estimates on which the Mineral Resource and Reserve estimates are based; the supply and demand for commodities and precious and base metals and the level and volatility of the prices of gold; market competition; the ability of the Company to raise sufficient funds from capital markets and/or debt to meet its future obligations and planned activities and that unforeseen events do not impact the ability of the Company to use existing funds to fund future plans and projects as currently contemplated; the stability and predictability of the political environments and legal and regulatory frameworks including with respect to, among other things, the ability of the Company to obtain, maintain, renew and/or extend required permits, licences, authorizations and/or approvals from the appropriate regulatory authorities; that contractual counterparties perform as agreed; and the ability of the Company to continue to obtain qualified staff and equipment in a timely and cost-efficient manner to meet its demand.

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