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Chalice subscribes to \$1M share placement in, & sell its Dumbleyung Project to, Ausgold Limited

Chalice Gold Mines Limited ("Chalice" or the "Company") **(ASX: CHN) (TSX: CXN)** today announced that it has agreed to subscribe to a share placement of 40 million shares in ASX listed Ausgold Limited (ASX: AUC) ("Ausgold") at an issue price of 2.5 cents per share for a total of \$1.0 million ("the Placement"). The funds will predominantly be used to advance Ausgold's flagship Katanning Gold Project in Western Australia. All amounts are in Australian dollars.

In addition to the Placement, Chalice has agreed to sell its Dumbleyung Project, which is located adjacent to the Katanning Gold Project, to Ausgold for 15 million shares (subject to a 12-month escrow) and 10 million unlisted share options that are exercisable at 3.5 cents per share within a 2-year period. The issue of the consideration shares and options to Chalice is subject to Ausgold shareholder approval. Ausgold directors have agreed to (1) recommend the transaction to shareholders and (2) vote all of the shares they hold or control in favour of all necessary resolutions in relation to the transaction. Chalice will also retain a 2 percent NSR over the Dumbleyung Project.

Following completion of the Placement and the issue of the Dumbleyung consideration shares and options, Chalice will hold a 12% interest in Ausgold (increasing to a 14% interest in the event that the consideration options are exercised).

Ausgold's Katanning Gold Project is located 275km southeast of Perth, Western Australia where Ausgold holds a dominant ground position of approximately 4,031km² in a relatively under-explored greenstone belt that is prospective for Archaean gold deposits. In 2015, Ausgold announced a mineral resource for the Katanning Gold Project (<u>http://www.asx.com.au/asx/statistics/displayAnnouncement.do?display=pdf&idsId=01674505</u>).

Managing Director Tim Goyder said the Placement and tenement sale provides Chalice with exposure to a relatively advanced, low-risk open-pit gold project in Western Australia.

"We look forward to Ausgold advancing the Katanning Project where we see potential to increase the existing mineral resource. Given the rarity of undeveloped gold projects in Western Australia, Ausgold's large tenement package and the current strong A\$ gold price of A1720}$ per oz, we believe there is potential for considerable upside."

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Forward Looking Statements

This document may contain forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation and forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively, forward-looking statements). These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this document and Chalice Gold Mines Limited (the Company) does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect Company management's expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, but are not limited to, the future share price performance of Ausgold, the likelihood that the Ausgold shareholders will vote in favour of the acquisition of the Dumbleyung Project from Chalice, the estimation of mineral resources at the Katanning Project, the impact recent drilling completed by Ausgold on the mineral resource estimate for the Katanning Project, the likelihood of exploration success and future drilling increasing the current mineral resources, the timing and amount of estimated future mineral resource, mineral reserves, production, costs of production, capital expenditures, success of mining operations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage.

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