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Independence Gold Commences Drilling on Boulevard, Yukon

Vancouver, BC – Independence Gold Corp. (TSX.V: IGO) ("Independence" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the commencement of its 1,500 metre ("m") diamond drilling program on the Company's 100% owned Boulevard Project, in the White Gold District, Yukon. The diamond drill program is following-up on results from the Company's 2015 and 2016 reverse circulation (RC) drill programs which successfully identified mineralization along the 2.4 kilometre ("km") Sunrise-Sunset Zone. Concurrently, a Geoprobe drill will evaluate geochemical soil anomalies on the property by completing an estimated 120 holes to the soil-bedrock interface.

Boulevard Project

This season's program is targeting multiple, highly resistive quartzite horizons that host cross-cutting mineralized quartz veins. The first three drill holes this year are planned to confirm RC drill holes that returned highly anomalous results (BV15-31: 7.23 g/t over 12.2 m; BV15-40: 15.0 g/t Au over 3.1 m; BV16-54: 7.73 g/t Au over 6.1 m). Kendra Johnston, the Company's Interim President, stated, "*Acquiring oriented core from these high-grade gold intervals will enable us to determine the geometry and trend of the quartzite as well as the cross-cutting quartz veins while also being able to test the extent of the mineralization along strike to the northwest and southeast.*" Subsequent drilling along the trend will focus on evaluating the extent of these quartzite layers, in areas of coincident multi-element gold-arsenic-antimony soil geochemistry. The company plans to complete 1,500 m of drilling in 12-15 drill holes.

An estimated 2,450 soil samples have already been collected from the Boulevard Project this season from areas which required detailed grid-style follow-up or areas that were previously untested. Initial results from one of the detailed grids located 3.6 km southeast of the Sunrise-Sunset Zone identified a new, 1.0 km long, northwest trending, gold-in-soil geochemical anomaly. This target, along with six others, will be evaluated during the estimated 120 drill hole Geoprobe program that will test the soil-bedrock interface at 5 m spaced sample sites.

Regional Exploration

Work is also set to start on the Company's pipeline of gold exploration projects within the White Gold District. A further 875 soil samples will be collected on the Company's 100% owned Moosehorn, Stinger and Henderson Projects. Geoprobe and Rotary Air Blast ("RAB") drilling will also be conducted on the Moosehorn and Henderson Projects respectively. Moosehorn hosts a 1.4 km long gold-arsenic soil geochemical anomaly, located along a topographic high that drains into multiple placer mined creeks. The Company plans to complete a reconnaissance style geochemical sampling program across the remainder of the property and to test the known anomaly, using the GeoProbe drill. The Company also plans to drill approximately 400 m on Henderson to test a possible source for the placer gold which has been mined from North Henderson Creek.

About Independence

Independence Gold Corp. (TSX.V:IGO) is a mineral exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. With a portfolio of projects in the Yukon and the 3Ts Project in British Columbia, the Company's holdings range from early-stage grassroots exploration to advanced-stage resource expansion. For additional information, visit the Company's website www.ingold.ca.

Kendra Johnston, P.Geo., the Company's Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 for the White Gold Area projects, has reviewed the technical information in this news release.

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