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ROYALTY GIANT BACKS APHRODITE

Aphrodite Gold Limited (ASX: AQQ) advises that the Australian arm of the world's largest buyer of gold royalties and stream, Canadian based **Franco Nevada Corporation (TSX: FNV) (NYSE: FNV)** (market capitalisation US\$8.3Bn), has advanced the Company \$2,500,000 against a future Royalty of 2.5% over production from the Aphrodite Gold Project near Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

The advance bears no interest, requires no repayments for 5 years and which, provided production at the Project commences within that time, automatically converts to a 2.5% Royalty. Should production not commence within 5 years, then Aphrodite will make annual payments of \$250,000 per annum to Franco Nevada, with such payments to be fully offset against Royalties when the Project does commence production.

Franco Nevada's Australian Managing Director, Kevin McGellicott: *"We are very pleased to partner with Aphrodite with this investment which will contribute towards the Pre-Feasibility Study on the Aphrodite Gold Project. We will continue monitoring progress as Aphrodite works towards production. As the provision of stream financing for development stage projects is a growth area for our company, we would in future consider stream financing a portion of capital expenditure upon completion of a positive Definitive Feasibility Study."*

Aphrodite Chairman Peter Buttigieg: *"We are delighted at the involvement of Franco Nevada, which we see as a positive endorsement of the Project. Our management will keep them apprised of progress, and we will be pleased to offer them the opportunity to provide the required capital expenditure for production."*

Franco Nevada's \$2,500,000 advance, along with the Company's recent share placement that raised \$1,692,000 after costs, will be employed to advance the Project Pre-Feasibility Study currently in progress.

This transaction and Franco Nevada's ongoing involvement forms a major part of Aphrodite's development program through to production, further details of which will be announced shortly.

Yours sincerely



Peter Buttigieg
Chairman of Directors



Wayne Ryder
Chief Executive Officer