

Marathon Announces \$8 Million Bought Deal Offering of Flow-Through Shares

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TORONTO, ON – September 29, 2016 – Marathon Gold Corporation ("Marathon" or the "Company") (TSX: MOZ) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with Haywood Securities Inc. ("Haywood"), on behalf of a syndicate of underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriters"), to purchase, on a bought deal basis, or alternatively to arrange for the purchase of, as agent for substituted purchasers, 8,880,000 flow-through shares ("Flow-Through Shares") in the capital of the Company at a price of \$0.90 per Flow-Through Share (the "Issue Price") for gross proceeds to the Company of \$7,992,000 (the "Offering").

In addition, the Company has granted the Underwriters an over-allotment option (the "Over-Allotment Option") exercisable, in whole or in part at any time up to 30 days following the closing of the Offering, to purchase up to an additional 15% of the number of Flow-Through Shares issuable under the Offering at the Issue Price for additional gross proceeds to the Company of up to \$1,198,800. In the event that the Over-Allotment Option is exercised in full, the total aggregate proceeds of the Offering will be \$9,190,800.

The closing of the Offering is expected to occur on or about October 27, 2016 and is subject to the completion of formal documentation and receipt of regulatory approval, including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The proceeds received by the Company from the sale of Flow-Through Shares will be used to incur Canadian exploration expenditures (as such term is defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada)) on the Company's Valentine Lake Gold Property in Newfoundland (the "Qualifying Expenditures"). The Qualifying Expenditures will be renounced to the subscribers with an effective date no later than December 31, 2016, in the aggregate amount of not less than the total amount of the gross proceeds raised from the issuance of Flow-Through Shares.

The Flow-Through Shares to be issued under the Offering will be offered by way of a short form prospectus to be filed in all of the provinces of Canada other than Quebec.

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About Marathon Gold Corporation

Marathon is a Toronto based gold resource company focused on its 100% owned Valentine Gold Camp located in central Newfoundland. The Valentine Gold Camp currently hosts four near-surface, mainly pit-shell constrained, gold resources totaling 1,060,100 oz. gold at 2.20 g/t (Measured & Indicated) and 200,000 oz. gold at 2.85 g/t (Inferred), (April 2015). These resources, open along strike and to depth, cover less than 10% of the total length of the highly prospective Valentine Lake Thrust Fault and associated splay faults which host the majority of the gold mineralization within the property. For more information please visit www.marathon-gold.com.

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