



Avidian Appoints John Schaff as Vice President of Exploration

TORONTO, Ontario, July 21, 2021 – Avidian Gold Corp. (“**Avidian**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX-V: AVG & OTCQB: AVGDF) is pleased to announce it has appointed Mr. John Schaff to Vice-President of Exploration. Dr. Tom Setterfield stepped down as Vice President of Exploration effective July 19th but will remain as a Consultant and Technical Advisor to the Company.

Avidian's CEO, Mr. Steve Roebuck states: “We are very pleased to welcome John Schaff to the Avidian team. John is a knowledgeable and passionate geologist with a track record of success having participated in significant discoveries over his 30-year career. We thank Tom Setterfield for his dedication, support and commitment to Avidian over the years. We are very pleased to be able to continue to benefit from his experience through his new role as a Consultant and Technical Advisor.”

John Schaff joins Avidian from Coeur Mining where he was Exploration Manager for the past four (4) years with highlights that include having been an integral part of the recent discovery of the C-Horst deposit located in the highly active Bare Mountain Mining District near Beatty, Nevada. During the 1990s through the early 2000s, John actively participated in numerous discoveries including, Kennecott's Gemfield, Midway, and Castle Au deposits in Nevada and the Whistler Cu-Au deposit in Alaska; Rio Tinto's Eagle Cu-Ni deposit in Michigan the Tamarack Cu-Ni deposit in Minnesota, and the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, Canada; and Noranda's Lynne VMS deposit in Wisconsin. John's brownfield experience includes exploration surrounding Kennecott's Green Creek Mine in Alaska, and the Denton-Rawhide Mine in Nevada; and Coeur's Kensington Mine, Alaska. John has additional grassroots through advanced exploration and project management experience on various other properties located throughout North America. John was also part of the Avidian team prior to joining Coeur and had input into the early exploration of Avidian's core properties in Alaska and Nevada. In 1987 John received his Bachelor of Science (Geology) from Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota.

Avidian's Vice President of Exploration, Mr. John Schaff states: “After a four-year detour with Coeur, I'm excited to re-join the Avidian team. Tom Setterfield and the rest of the crew have done a great job advancing the Alaska assets along with an aggressive focus by upper management that has created a great opportunity for the future of Avidian.”

The Company also announces that it has granted an aggregate of 1,650,000 incentive options (the “**Options**”) to purchase common shares of Avidian to certain directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company. The Options are exercisable at a price of \$0.20 per common share and have been granted pursuant to the Company's stock option plan.

About Avidian Gold Corp.

Avidian brings a disciplined and veteran team of project managers together with a focus on advanced stage gold exploration projects in Alaska. Avidian's Golden Zone project hosts a NI 43-101 indicated gold resource of 267,400 ounces (4,187,000 tonnes at 1.99 g/t Au) plus an inferred gold resource of 35,900 ounces (1,353,000 tonnes at 0.83 g/t Au)*. Additional projects include the Amanita and the Amanita NE gold properties which are both adjacent to Kinross Gold's Fort Knox gold mine in Alaska, and the Jungo gold-copper property in Nevada. *Technical Report on the Golden Zone Property, August 17, 2017, L. McGarry P.Geo & I. Trinder P.Geo, A.C.A Howe International Ltd.

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Further details on the Company and the individual projects, including the NI 43-101 Technical reports on the Golden Zone property and Labrador West Iron property can be found on the Company's website at www.avidiangold.com.

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