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ARGO GOLD ANNOUNCES SHARES FOR DEBT SETTLEMENT

Toronto, CANADA, January 17, 2017 – Argo Gold Inc. (“Argo Gold” or the “Company”) (CSE: ARQ) announces that it has agreed to settle an aggregate of \$239,000 of indebtedness of the Company with various arm’s length and non-arm’s length creditors through the issuance of an aggregate of 2,390,000 common shares (“Common Shares”) at a price of \$0.10 per Common Share.

The Common Shares issued pursuant to the debt settlement will be subject to a four month and one day hold period pursuant to applicable securities laws.

The shares for debt transaction constitutes a “related party transaction” within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“MI 61-101”) as insiders of the Company will receive 860,000 Common Shares of the Company in connection with the debt settlement. The Company is relying on the exemptions from the valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 contained in sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101, as the fair market value of the shares for debt transaction with the insider does not exceed 25% of the market capitalization of the Company, as determined in accordance with MI 61-101. The Company did not file a material change report in respect of the related party transaction at least 21 days before the closing of the debt settlement, which the Company deems reasonable in the circumstances as the Company wishes to improve its financial position by reducing its accrued liabilities.

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