



## NEWS RELEASE

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### ARTEMIS AWARDS GMP (GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE) ON BLACKWATER PROCESS PLANT

*All amounts are stated in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise noted*

**(Vancouver, March 29, 2021)** – Artemis Gold Inc. (TSX-V: ARTG) (“**Artemis**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that after a competitive bidding process, the Company has executed a binding memorandum of understanding (“**MOU**”) with Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc. (“**Ausenco**”) providing for a guaranteed maximum price (“**GMP**”) for a fixed-price Engineering, Procurement and Construction (“**EPC**”) contract to construct a 5.5 million tonne per annum processing facility and associated infrastructure (the “**Facilities**”) for the Company’s Blackwater Gold Project (“**Blackwater**” or the “**Project**”) in Central British Columbia.

The selection of Ausenco as the successful bidder was based on a proposal to engineer and construct the Facilities for a GMP of \$236 million, subject to any technical or commercial changes requested by Artemis. The MOU outlines the terms under which Ausenco will undertake further detailed engineering, which will form the basis of a final fixed EPC price, that will not exceed the GMP. This Ausenco GMP is consistent with capital estimates in the Company’s 2020 Pre-Feasibility Study technical report entitled “Blackwater Gold Project British Columbia NI 43-101 Technical Report on Pre-Feasibility Study” dated August 26, 2020 (“**2020 PFS**”).

Artemis’ industry leading development strategy manages the capital and schedule risks associated with key capital cost components of the Blackwater development.

Ultimately, Artemis is targeting approximately 60% of the initial development capital for Blackwater to be insulated from capital cost and schedule overruns once final EPC fixed price contracts for the Facilities, electricity transmission line and potentially other site preparation and infrastructure have been executed.

A fixed price EPC contract on the processing facility and associated infrastructure represents by far the largest single component of the capital cost of Blackwater at approximately 40% of the PFS estimate.

Ausenco has already undertaken a significant amount of detailed engineering work and will be working towards a final fixed-price EPC contract for the Facilities scheduled for completion in Q3 2021.

Artemis is conducting a competitive bidding process for a GMP proposal in connection with a fixed price EPC contract for the construction of the electricity transmission line and associated offsite infrastructure, with an expected GMP award in Q2 2021.

Steven Dean, Chairman and CEO commented, *“The execution of this MOU represents a significant investment of time and effort from management and multiple GMP bidders over the past several months. The Ausenco GMP bid serves as further validation of the initial capital costs estimated in the 2020 PFS with respect to the process plant and associated facilities, further de-risking the development of the Project. Following a rigorous adjudication process of a number of competitive proposals, we are very pleased to be working with a world-class engineering firm such as Ausenco. Ausenco was also involved in the successful development at Atlantic Gold and the award of the GMP should give investors and potential project debt lenders greater confidence in the proposed schedule and initial capital cost to develop Blackwater on time and on budget.”*

Further updates will be provided in due course.

### **Qualified Person**

Jeremy Langford, FAUSIMM, a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information in this news release.

ARTEMIS GOLD INC.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

*“Steven Dean”*

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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