

## PRESS RELEASE

### **MANAGEM HAS ENTERED INTO A JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH AVOCET MINING PLC, REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRI-K GOLD MINE IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.**

Casablanca, October 10th, 2016:

Managem has entered into a Joint Venture agreement with Avocet Mining PLC to acquire an interest in Tri-K gold project in Guinea. The agreement signed on Friday October 7th, is conditional upon approval by Managem's competent body and Avocet's shareholders.

Avocet Mining PLC ("Avocet") is a company listed on the London Stock Exchange and the Oslo Børs. Its main activities consist on gold mining and exploration in West Africa, including Tri-K project in Guinea.

Tri-K is a gold project located 90 km northeast of Kankan (the second largest city in Guinea) within an exploration area of 490km<sup>2</sup>. The feasibility study completed in 2013, on the basis of a total mineral resource of 3 million ounces and a heap leach operation, demonstrates an existing reserve of 480 000 ounces of gold.

This partnership aims to create a joint venture company to develop, build and operate the Tri-K gold project. Through this agreement, Managem will be the project operator and its ownership interest will increase up to 70% in two stages:

**-First Closing:** Managem acquires 40% interest in the Tri-K gold project. Following completion of the First Closing, Managem and its subsidiaries will undertake a work program, which will consist of drilling, engineering and feasibility study works to expand the project's ore reserves and extend the life of mine.

**-Second Closing:** Managem's interest in the project will increase to 70% (subject to ore reserves increasing to at least 1 million ounces -about 30 tons of gold-, otherwise Managem's ownership increase will be 60%).

This operation will contribute to expand Managem's development activities in the African continent and to achieve the objectives of the cooperation agreements on the mining sector concluded with the Guinean authorities. Mr Imad Toumi, Chief Executive Officer of Managem commented: "The Tri-K project is a significant growth opportunity and we received a strong support from the Guinean Ministry of Mines to develop a large-scale gold mining operation".

Mr. Imad Toumi added: "Closing the transaction with Avocet will allow Managem to position itself in this promising country, in line with our corporate strategy of opening up new mining frontiers across Africa with a long term standing".

#### **About Managem:**

Managem is an industrial mining group with over 86 years of history, operating a long-lived and balanced portfolio of precious and base metal assets as well as Cobalt and Fluorspar. The group is present in the whole mining business cycle from exploration to commodity trading and it employs 5660 people across all its subsidiaries.

Managem is a leading operator in the African continent through its presence in eight sub-Saharan Africa countries since early 2000.

Managem is majority-held by Société Nationale d'Investissement (SNI), a pan-African long-term investment fund.

#### **About Avocet Mining PLC:**

Avocet Mining PLC is a company listed on the London Stock Exchange and the Oslo Børs. The Company's principal activities are gold mining and exploration in West Africa. It operates the Inata Gold Mine in Burkina Faso and holds the Tri-K gold project.

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