



## Banyan Gold Provides Update on Pre-Existing Underlying Royalty Purchase, AurMac Project, Yukon, Canada

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VANCOUVER, BC, March 1, 2026 - **Banyan Gold Corp.** (the "**Company**" or "**Banyan**") (TSX-V: **BYN**) (OTCQB: **BYAGF**) is pleased to announce details regarding third parties that are in agreement to purchase a pre-existing underlying Net Smelter Return royalty ("**NSR**") on AurMac. More information is provided below.

### Highlight

- Franco-Nevada Corporation ("**Franco-Nevada**") purchases existing underlying NSR on AurMac for \$52.2 million ("**M**").

"The pending transaction by Franco-Nevada, involving the acquisition of the pre-existing royalty on the core of the AurMac Property for \$52.2 million, serves as further validation of the quality of our project," stated Tara Christie, Banyan President and CEO.

### Information on Pending Sale of Pre-Existing Underlying Royalty

Further to public documents filed in the Ontario court on February 26, 2026, Franco-Nevada has entered into a royalty purchase agreement<sup>1</sup> with PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., the receiver and manager (in such capacity, the "**Receiver**") for Victoria Gold Corp. ("**Victoria**"), to purchase the NSR covering the McQuesten and Aurex properties for \$52.2 M. The McQuesten and Aurex properties consist of 92.6 square kilometers ("**km<sup>2</sup>**") (510 claims) out of the 720 km<sup>2</sup> total project area for AurMac. The NSR purchased by Franco-Nevada applies to an area which includes the existing Resource and is shown in Figure 1. The area represents approximately 13% of the total AurMac project area.

Following Banyan's completion of the 100% earn-in on the McQuesten and Aurex properties, as previously announced on July 24, 2025, Banyan issued a 6% NSR to Victoria on the McQuesten and Aurex properties with the option to reduce the NSR from 6% to 1% for a one-time cash payment of \$10M.

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<sup>1</sup> The royalty purchase agreement is subject to, among other things, approval of the Transaction by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

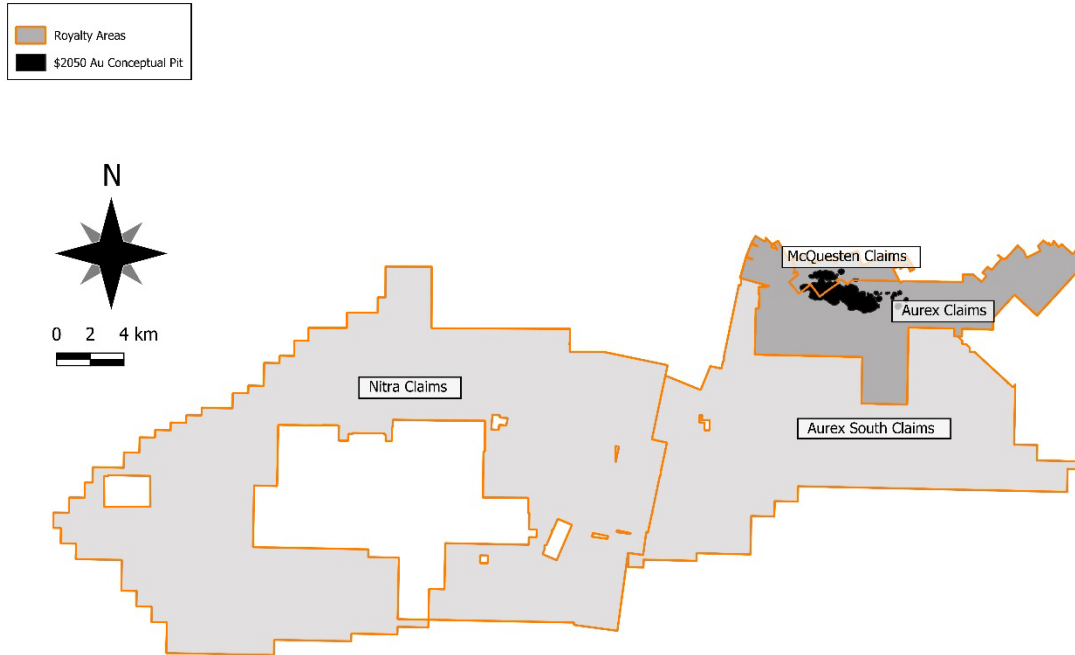


Figure 1. AurMac Project with NSR Purchase area in darker grey. Current Resource area shown in black.

### **Qualified Persons**

Duncan Mackay, M.Sc., P.Geo., is a “**Qualified Person**” as defined under National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“**NI 43-101**”), and has reviewed and approved the content of this news release in respect of all disclosure other than the MRE. Mr. Mackay is Vice President Exploration for Banyan and has verified the data disclosed in this news release, including the sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Yukon in Global Focus: From Rocks to Riches Breakfast - Fireside Chat - Toronto, March 2, 7 AM – 9 AM ET
  - 7:00 AM to 9 AM ET
- PDAC, Toronto, March 1 – 4, 2026
  - Exhibitor Booth No. 2213, March 1 – 2

- 1x1 Meetings, Level 300, March 1-3
- SMI Zurich, Switzerland, March 18 -19
- Italy Roadshow – Milan, March 23

## **About Banyan**

Banyan's primary asset, the AurMac Project is located in the Traditional Territory of First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, in Canada's Yukon Territory. The current Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") for the AurMac Project has an effective date of June 28, 2025 and comprises an Indicated Mineral Resource of 2.274 million ounces of gold ("Au") (112.5 M tonnes at 0.63 g/t) and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 5.453 Moz of Au (280.6 M tonnes at 0.60 g/t) (as defined in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") Definition Standards for Mineral Resources & Mineral Reserves incorporated by reference into NI 43-101). The 303 square kilometres ("sq km") AurMac Project lies 40 kilometres from Mayo, Yukon. The AurMac Project is transected by the main Yukon highway and benefits from a 3-phase powerline, existing power station and cell phone coverage.

**Table 1: Pit-Constrained Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources – AurMac Project**

Deposit	Gold Cut-Off (g/t)	Tonnage (M Tonnes)	Average Gold Grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (Moz)
<b>Indicated MRE</b>				
Airstrip	0.30	27.7	0.69	0.611
Powerline	0.30	84.8	0.61	1.663
<b>Total Combined Indicated MRE</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>2.274</b>
<b>Inferred MRE</b>				
Airstrip	0.30	10.1	0.75	0.245
Powerline	0.30	270.4	0.60	5.208
<b>Total Combined Inferred MRE</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>280.6</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>5.453</b>

Notes to Table 1:

1. The effective date for the MRE is June 28, 2025, and was prepared by Marc Jutras, P.Eng., M.A.Sc., Principal, Ginto Consulting Inc., an independent "**Qualified Person**" within the meaning of NI 43-101.
2. Mineral Resources, which are not Mineral Reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, changes in global gold markets or other relevant issues.
3. The CIM Definition Standards were followed for classification of Mineral Resources. The quantity and grade of reported Inferred Mineral Resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Mineral Resources as an Indicated Mineral Resource.
4. Mineral Resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.30 g/t gold for all deposits, using a US\$/CAN\$ exchange rate of 0.73 and constrained within an open pit shell optimized with the Lerchs-Grossman algorithm to

constrain the Mineral Resources with the following estimated parameters: gold price of US\$2,050/ounce, US\$2.50/t mining cost, US\$10.00/t processing cost, US\$2.00/t G+A, 90% gold recoveries, and 45° pit slopes.<sup>2</sup>

5. The number of tonnes and ounces was rounded to the nearest thousand. Any discrepancies in the totals are due to rounding effects.

In addition to the AurMac Project, the Company holds the Hyland Gold Project, located 70 km Northeast of Watson Lake, Yukon, along the Southeast end of the Tintina Gold Belt (the “**Hyland Project**”) in the Traditional Territory of the Kaska Nations, closest to the Liard First Nation and Daylu Dena Council. The Hyland Project represents a sediment hosted, structurally controlled, intrusion-related gold deposit, within a large land package (over 125 sq km), accessible by a network of existing gravel access roads. The updated MRE comprises an Indicated Mineral Resource of **337 thousand (“K”) ounces (“oz”)** of gold (“**Au**”) and **2.63 million (“M”) oz** of silver (“**Ag**”) (11.3 M tonnes of ore at 0.93 g/t Au and 7.27 g/t Ag), and an Inferred Mineral Resource of **118 Koz** of Au and **0.86 Moz Ag** (3.9 M tonnes of ore at 0.95 g/t Au and 6.94 g/t Ag) (as defined in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (“**CIM**”) Definition Standards for Mineral Resources & Mineral Reserves incorporated by reference into NI 43-101) effective September 1, 2025 and with technical report filed on Sedar on October 27, 2025.

Banyan also holds the Nitra Gold Project, a grassroots exploration project located in the Mayo Mining district, approximately 10 km west of the AurMac Gold property. The Nitra Property lies in the northern part of the Selwyn basin and is underlain by metaclastic rocks of the Late Proterozoic Yusezyu Formation of the Hyland Group, similar to lithologies hosting portions of the AurMac Project. Middle Cretaceous Tombstone Plutonic suite intrusions occur along the property including the Morrison Creek and Minto Creek stocks. The property is 100% owned and operated by Banyan Gold Corporation (“Banyan”) and covers approximately 313.9 sq km. The property is accessible by road along the Silver Trail Highway, South McQuesten Road and 4x4 roads.

Banyan trades on the TSX-Venture Exchange under the symbol “**BYN**” and is quoted on the OTCQB Venture Market under the symbol “**BYAGF**”. For more information, please visit the corporate website at or contact the Company.

## **ON BEHALF OF BANYAN GOLD CORPORATION**

(signed) "Tara Christie"  
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<sup>2</sup> The gold price and cost assumptions are consistent with current pricing assumptions and costs and, in particular, with those employed for recent technical reports for similar pit-constrained Yukon gold projects.

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