

PRESS RELEASE



Aya Gold & Silver Reports Second Quarter 2020 Financial Results

Montreal, Quebec, September 2nd, 2020 - Aya Gold & Silver Inc. (TSX: AYA) (“Aya” or the “Corporation”) is pleased to announce its interim financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2020. All amounts are in US dollars unless otherwise stated.

Quarterly highlights:

- On April 24, 2020 the Corporation appointed Mr. Benoit La Salle FCPA, CPA as President, CEO and Director, and Robert Taub as Chairman of the Board.
- Silver ingot production for the quarter was 101,321 ounces (“oz”) (Q2-2019 – 78,934 oz).
- Silver sales for the quarter were 115,743 oz (Q2-2019 – 87,000 oz) an increase of 33% compared to the second quarter of 2019.
- Ore processed during the second quarter was 28,841 tons (‘t’) (Q2-2019 – 32,094t) a decrease of 10% compared to the same quarter last year.
- Feed ore to the mill was 216.8 grams per ton Ag (“g/t”) (Q2-2019 – 218.0 g/t).
- Cost of sales during the quarter were \$1,614,342 (Q2-2019 – \$600,081).
- The average silver price realized during quarter was \$17.21/oz vs \$16.33/oz average silver spot price in the quarter.
- A full review of the Corporation’s inventories was conducted resulting in an inventory write-down of \$1,057,638.

Key Performance Metrics	Three-month periods ended June 30,		
	Q2-2020	Q2-2019	% Variation
Operational			
Ore Processed (tons)	28,841	32,094	(10)
Average Grade (g/t Ag)	216.8	218.1	(1)
Mill Recovery (%)	61.7%	61.4%	1
Silver Ounces Produced (oz)	101,321	78,934	28
Silver Ounces Sold (oz)	115,743	87,000	33
Average Realized Silver Price (\$/Oz)	\$17.21	\$17.30	(1)
Financial			
Revenues	2,040,753	1,504,981	36
Operating (Loss)	(1,378,899)	776,487	(278)
Net (Loss) Earnings	(1,194,493)	698,705	(271)
Operating Cash Flows	(895,512)	(209,785)	327
Cash	14,410,577	17,210,222	(16)
Change in Working Capital	(179,446)	(1,096,948)	(84)
Shareholders			
(Loss) Earnings per Share – basic & diluted	(0.015)	0.009	

Financial Highlights Q2-2020 vs Q2-2019:

- In the second quarter, revenues from silver sales totaled \$2,040,753 (Q2-2019 – \$1,504,981). The Corporation sold more silver than it produced in the quarter as shipment delays due to COVID-19 and low silver prices increased Q1 inventory.
- Net loss for the quarter was (\$1,194,493) (EPS of (\$0.015)), compared to a net gain of \$698,705 (EPS of \$0.009) for the same period in 2019. Net loss for the quarter was attributable to an inventory write down of \$1,057,638 after a thorough review of the Corporation's inventory.
- Operations generated a gross margin of (\$663,230) compared to Q2-2019 of \$888,380.
- Comprehensive income for the quarter of \$652,285, compared to \$1,512,218 in the same quarter of last year. Most of this gain is attributable to a foreign currency translation adjustment gain of \$1,846,778 compared to a foreign currency translation adjustment gain of \$813,513 in Q2-2019.
- Cash flows used by operating activities for the quarter of (\$895,512), compared to (\$209,785) used in operating cash flows for Q2-2019.
- Cash of \$14,410,577 as at June 30, 2020 compared to \$17,210,222 as at June 30, 2019.

Zgounder Silver Mine

The Zgounder silver mine continued to have some operational challenges including tailings facility management, fresh water supply, general maintenance issues and grid power supply instability. As a result, availability of the concentrator was 77.6% and silver recovery was 61.7% similar to the same quarter last year with 61.4%. Silver grade fed to the mill was 216.8 g/t Ag compared to 218.1/t Ag in Q2-2019. Repairs to the tailing's facility are ongoing and will be completed before the rainy season which begins in December. Water supply issues have been identified and rectified in Q3. COVID-19 continues to impact our operations as movement within the country is limited and it is difficult to bring contractors to site. This situation will persist until the pandemic is controlled in Morocco.

Exploration at the Zgounder silver mine was halted during the second quarter. Exploration restart is planned for Q3-2020.

Boumadine Polymetallic Project

Drilling at the property was halted in Q2. The next step for the Boumadine project is to continue working on metallurgical test work with the goal of improving gold, zinc and lead recovery. Drilling work to support ongoing metallurgical testing will occur in the second half of 2020.

Azegour, Amizmiz, Toulkine Properties

As of June 2nd, 2020, the Corporation has received exploitation licenses for each property. The expiration date for the Toulkine and Amizmiz properties is May 16, 2029. The expiration date for the Azegour property is June 1, 2030. All the permits are renewable after the initial term.

About Aya Gold & Silver Inc.

Aya Gold & Silver Inc. is a publicly traded Canadian company focused on the operation, exploration, acquisition and development of silver and gold deposits. Aya is currently operating mining and milling facilities at its Zgounder Silver Mine, an 85%-15% joint venture between its subsidiary, ZMSM, and the Office National des Hydrocarbures et des Mines (“**ONHYM**”) of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Its mining portfolio also includes the Boumadine polymetallic deposit located in the Anti-Atlas Mountains of Eastern Morocco which is also a joint venture with ONHYM wherein Aya retains an 85% ownership. Additionally, the Corporation’s portfolio includes the Amizmiz and Azegour properties, both being 100% owned, with gold, tungsten, molybdenum and copper occurrences covering over 100 square kilometres in a historical mining district of Morocco.

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