

PRESS RELEASE



Aya Gold & Silver Announces US\$100 Million Project Financing Facility for Zgounder Silver Mine Expansion

Montreal, Quebec, October 25, 2022 - Aya Gold & Silver Inc. (TSX: AYA; OTCQX: AYASF) (“Aya” or the “Corporation”) is pleased to report that its subsidiary, Zgounder Millennium Silver Mining SA (“ZMSM”) has secured a US\$100 million debt financing package to support expansion of the Zgounder Silver Project. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“EBRD”) has received final board approval to provide a Senior Debt Facility of US\$92 million, while the Climate Investment Funds, through its Clean Technology Fund (“CTF”), is providing a US\$8 million tranche, pari-passu with the EBRD. Customary documentation is expected to be finalized in the coming weeks.

Highlights – Project Finance Facility

Key terms of the loan agreement include:

- US\$92 million loan provided by the EBRD
- US\$8 million loan provided by the CTF, pari-passu with the EBRD loan
- CTF interest rate reduction following achievement of three ESG and operational milestones:
 - Milestone 1: Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (“TCFD”) report disclosed by end of 2023
 - Milestone 2: Investment completion by end of 2024
 - Milestone 3: Reaching “advanced” maturity on the TCFD Climate Governance and Strategy recommendation
- 6-year maturity
 - 2-year principal grace period
 - 24-month availability period

“We are thrilled to be partnering with the EBRD, who is highly committed to both Morocco and development of the Zgounder Silver Mine. The infrastructure build-out will serve as a regional catalyst, bringing additional investment, local jobs and procurement, and an array of social and environmental initiatives that benefit both the Kingdom of Morocco and its local communities,” said Benoit La Salle, President & CEO. “We have secured a financing package on terms that are competitive and protect the upside for all stakeholders, while adhering to and promoting the ESG priorities that are part of our founding values. The financing process has been a team effort and represents a key milestone for delivering our expansion plan on time and within budget.”

About Aya Gold & Silver Inc.

Aya Gold & Silver Inc. is a rapidly growing, Canada-based silver producer with operations in the Kingdom of Morocco.

The only TSX-listed pure silver mining company, Aya operates the high-grade Zgounder Silver Mine and is exploring its properties along the prospective South-Atlas Fault, several of which have hosted past-

producing mines and historical resources. Aya's Moroccan mining assets are complemented by its Tijirit Gold Project in Mauritania, which is being advanced to feasibility.

Aya's management team has been focused on maximising shareholder value by anchoring sustainability at the heart of its operations, governance, and financial growth plans.

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The risks and uncertainties that may affect forward-looking statements include, among others: the inherent risks involved in exploration and development of mineral properties, including government approvals and permitting, changes in economic conditions, changes in the worldwide price of silver gold and other key inputs, changes in mine plans (including, but not limited to, throughput and recoveries being affected by metallurgical characteristics) and other factors, such as project execution delays, many of which are beyond the control of Aya, as well as other risks and uncertainties which are more fully described in Aya's 2021 Annual Information Form dated June 16, 2022, and in other filings of Aya with securities and regulatory authorities which are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Aya does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements should assumptions related to these plans, estimates, projections, beliefs, and opinions change. Nothing in this document should be construed as either an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy or sell Aya securities. All references to Aya include its subsidiaries unless the context requires otherwise.