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## DIVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR BIG SPRINGS GOLD PROJECT

- Anova has engaged resources specialist Haywood Securities to manage divestment of the Big Springs Gold Project, Nevada USA
- Independent Valuation Report completed in mid-2017. Potential for significant shareholder value to be unlocked through divestment
- Targeting completion of the process during the December 2018 quarter
- Anova continues to focus on its Second Fortune Gold Project, located in WA, and other opportunities within Australian

Anova Metals Limited (ASX: AWV, “Anova” or the “Company”) announces that it intends to divest its Big Springs Gold Project, located in Nevada, USA. The divestment of Big Springs will allow Anova to unlock significant value from its past operations in the US and focus on its core Australian projects including the continued progress of Anova’s 100% owned Second Fortune Gold Project, which commenced mining in late 2017.

In August 2017, Dunbar Resource Management (DRM) in its Independent Technical Assessment and Valuation Report, prepared as part of the Company’s Scheme of Arrangement with Exterra Resources produced a range of independent valuations for the Big Springs Gold Project. This report valued Big Springs and the US exploration assets between \$51.2m (lower valuation) and \$75.8m (upper valuation), with a preferred valuation of \$63.1m. The Board doesn’t consider there have been any material changes to the circumstances upon which the valuation was based since it was prepared. Please refer to the ASX announcement dated 14 August 2017 for full information on the valuations.

Anova acquired Big Springs in 2013 and has completed significant, value enhancing work on the project to reach the 2017 valuation. This work primarily focused on increasing the project’s gold inventory and advancing permitting. Key milestones included a maiden resource in 2013, an increased resource in 2014 (see Table 1) as well as completing the Plan of Operations process and receiving all of the necessary permits to commence operations in early 2017. Anova also identified new exploration targets, some of which have been drilled - increasing the extent of known mineralisation and resulting in resource growth.

Resource Category	Cut-off (g/t Au)	Metric Tonnes (Kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Contained gold (ounces)
Measured	0.9	641	5.7	116,100
Indicated	0.8	4,762	2.2	343,300
Inferred	0.9	10,630	1.7	570,400
Total	0.9	16,032	2.0	1,029,900

Note: Appropriate rounding applied

Table 1: Big Springs Mineral Resource estimate June 2014 (2012 JORC Code guidelines)

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The divestment process, led by experienced Canadian resources advisors Haywood Securities Inc. (“Haywood Securities”), will explore multiple opportunities for Anova to divest its 100% interest in the Big Springs Gold Project and unlock value for Anova’s shareholders. A number of potential parties have already been identified by Haywood Securities who will be targeted during the divestment process.

Anova expects the process to run for several months and is targeting completion before the end of this calendar year. The process concerning a potential divestment transaction is and will be conducted on a confidential basis and communications to date constitute an incomplete proposal or negotiation. Anova will keep the market informed in the event of a material development from the process. There is no certainty that the process will lead to the divestment of the Big Springs Gold Project and any agreement, once entered into, will be disclosed and be subject to any necessary regulatory approval process including any approvals required by the ASX.

**Executive Director, Bill Fry said:** “The Board has decided to pursue a divestment process for Big Springs. This will unlock significant value from the work undertaken at Big Springs over the past 5 years and will allow Anova to focus its resources on advancing projects within its Australian portfolio and pursue additional opportunities within Australia.”

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**About Anova Metals**

Anova Metals is an Australian Securities Exchange listed gold exploration and development company with projects in Western Australia and Nevada, USA.

In WA, the Company’s focus is on production from the Second Fortune Project in the North Eastern Goldfields region, within the Laverton Tectonic Zone, which hosts multi-million ounce deposits including Sunrise Dam (AngloGold Ashanti) and Granny Smith/Wallaby (Gold Fields). Production at Second Fortune commenced in March 2018.

In the US, the Company holds 100% of the Big Springs Project, a Carlin-style gold deposit located in an established gold mining region, 80km north of Elko in north eastern Nevada. The Project was mined by Independence Mining Company between 1987 and 1993 producing 386,000 ounces of gold and currently has a JORC 2012 Mineral Resource 16 million tonnes at 2.0 g/t for ~1 million ounces gold. Applying a cut-off grade to 2.5 g/t gold results in a high grade core to the deposit of 3.1 million tonnes of 4.2 g/t gold for 415,000 ounces. Big Springs is fully permitted to commence its first phase of mining operations.

For more information, please visit [www.anovametals.com](http://www.anovametals.com)

**Competent Person Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Lauritz Barnes, Principal Consultant Geologist – Trepanier Pty Ltd. Mr Barnes is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Barnes consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

