

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the year ended January 31, 2016

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Asante Gold Corporation, ("Asante" or the "Company" or the "Issuer") provides an analysis of the Company's performance and financial condition for the year ended January 31, 2016. It is prepared as at May 27, 2016 and was approved by the Board of Directors on that date.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2016 including the related note disclosures. The Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All dollar figures included therein and in the following discussion and analysis are quoted in the presentation currency of Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com or the Company's website at www.asantegold.com

This MD&A may contain forward-looking statements that are based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections regarding its business and the economic environment in which it operates. These statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, are not guarantees of future performance, and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to control or predict. Examples of some of the specific risks associated with the operations of the Company are set out below. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements and readers should not place undue reliance on such statements.



#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following information should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2016 and related notes thereto. The audited consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. All currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

## **Principal Business and Corporate History**

Asante Gold Corporation is a mineral exploration company primarily involved in the acquisition and assessment of mineral properties in the Republic of Ghana. The Company's objective is to undertake mineral exploration on properties assessed to be of merit and to define mineral resources. Precious metals are targeted with a focus on gold and gold royalties.

The Company entered into a Purchase Agreement with Goknet Mining Company Limited ("Goknet"), a Company with a common director, of Accra, Ghana, on June 15, 2011 to acquire the Fahiakoba Concession, in the Ashanti and Central Regions in the Republic of Ghana. The Company acquired a 100% interest in the Fahiakoba Concession by paying Goknet the sum of US\$51,976 (C\$50,630) and by agreeing to expend US\$1,000,000 over a five year period, which commitment has been met in full. The Company also granted Goknet a 3% net smelter return royalty on production from the Fahiakoba Concession.

The Company has applied to have the concession title transferred to ASG Mining Ltd., the Company's 100% owned Ghana subsidiary.

The Company has entered into a definitive Option Agreement between the Company, Goknet Mining Company Limited ("Goknet"), Kubi Gold (Barbados) Limited ("Kubi") and Asante Gold Corporation (GH) Limited effective February 28, 2015, to earn a 50% interest in the Kubi Gold Project with the right to increase such interest to 75% and ultimately 100% upon completion of certain conditions.

In terms of the agreement, Asante shall issue 2,000,000 common shares to Goknet on the closing date, and within four months of the closing date shall contribute not less than US\$2,000,000 to Kubi, and thereafter within two years of closing date shall contribute a further US\$13,000,000 to earn a 50% interest. The agreement has not closed as the shares have not yet been issued to Goknet. Closing has been delayed indefinitely pending completion of financing.

In addition, the Company as consideration for acting as a finder, has acquired from NSS Resources Inc. a 2% net smelter returns royalty interest in the Seneca 1 to 9 claims which consist of 208 units covering an area of 4,124 hectares in the Harrison Lake area of British Columbia, Canada.

On May 28, 2015 the Company obtained a listing on the Canadian Securities Exchange and commenced trading under the symbol "ASE".

On August 10, 2015 the Company announced that it has entered into an Option and Sale Agreement with Perseus Mining (Ghana) Limited ("Perseus") to acquire up to a 100% interest in their Betanase Permit in Ghana. The permit adjoins to the east of the Kubi Gold Project which Asante has optioned and which is undergoing scoping studies to develop as an underground mine.

The Company may exercise the option to earn 100% interest in Betanase (subject to 10% reserved for the Government of Ghana, and 1% underlying NSR royalties) by completing US\$1million in exploration within four years and by paying US\$1million to Perseus. In the event the option is fully exercised it will also be subject to and included in the area of influence of the definitive Kubi Option Agreement between the Company and Goknet Mining Company announced March 3, 2015.



On July 2, 2015 the Company announced the appointment of Mr. Bash Ahmed as Director and Vice President Production and Development for the Kubi Gold Project. Mr. Ahmed, a Ghanaian national, is a mining engineer with over 30 years of experience in mine operations, planning, production and management. He held the position of Mine Manager at Obuasi, one of the world's foremost underground gold mines, producing up to 1.8 million tonnes per year (~4,900 tpd). In this capacity Mr. Ahmed managed a workforce of over one thousand, with an annual budget of US\$100 million. Mr. Ahmed resides in Obuasi, Ghana.

#### **Key Activities**

The Company is currently focused on the financing and development of its option interest in the Kubi Gold Project. Two scenarios are currently being evaluated by the Company and by Kubi Gold (Barbados) Limited (KGBL), the owner of the Kubi Mining Leases: a custom milling and direct shipping option with expected funding estimated at up to US\$25 million (mix of equity and debt) and a 14 month timeline to production; and a second option requiring the building of a full mill for processing with an estimated funding of up to US\$45 million and an 18 month timeline to production, subject to completion of additional studies.

The Company completed a series of investor meetings in Shanghai, Geneva, Zurich, London and Dubai during 2015 to raise investor awareness. Significant interest was expressed with respect to the future development and financing of the Kubi Gold Project. The Company is continuing with both equity and debt funding sources, and closed a private placement of 650,000 units raising \$97,500 on December 31, 2015.

In addition, KGBL has commissioned, and is funding on behalf of the Company, engineering design work on the exploration portal and decline as part of a future Pre-Feasibility Study. Completion of the PFS will require additional funding.

The Company is continuing to evaluate potential toll milling opportunities in Ghana, as well as sourcing additional management and production expertise to fully develop the potential of Kubi.

## Capital stock and financing

On December 31, 2015 the Company closed a private placement of 650,000 Units at \$0.15 raising gross proceeds of \$97,500. Each unit consisted of one common share and one transferable half-warrant, each warrant being exercisable for a period of two years at an exercise price of \$0.30.

On February 18, 2016 the Company closed a private placement of 533,000 shares at a price of \$0.10 per share and raised \$53,300.

On March 3, 2016 the Company issued 10,967,000 shares which were valued at \$0.10 per common share in settlement of debt totalling CAD\$584,019 and US\$180,275.

On May 9, 2016 the Company issued 1,600,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit. Each unit comprises one common share and one transferable share purchase warrant, exercisable for a period of two years at a price of \$0.25 per share.

#### Overall performance

The Company has no operational revenue, and exploration activity is subject to the availability of funds raised through financings. Global financial and commodity markets have been volatile, and the Company is thus impacted by these generic industry factors which are beyond its control. The Company anticipates obtaining additional financing in the future primarily through further debt and equity financing.

The Company has completed its initial exploration program on the Fahiakoba Concession, consisting of 4,987.5 metres of diamond drilling, ground VLF-EM geophysics and 1,200 auger drill holes. Results are



considered sufficiently encouraging and further work will be commenced when adequate working capital is available.

The Company has also completed a program of ground geophysics at Betanase, covering the strong gold in soil anomaly previously outlined by Perseus Mining (Ghana) Limited, and has completed four diamond drill holes for a total of 562 metres. Significant results to 4m @ 3.14 g/t gold and widespread alteration and quartz veining were noted in the drilling. A Phase II drilling program is planned to test associated ground IP geophysical anomalies when additional working capital funding is sourced.

# **Selected Quarterly Information**

The following table summarizes quarterly results for the current and 7 preceding quarters. The information contained in this table should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements.

Summary of quarterly results

Period ending:	Revenue \$	Net loss for the period \$	Currency translation adjustment \$	Comprehensive Income/(Loss) \$	Ne	et loss per share
January 31, 2016	Nil	(263,600)	160,224	(103,376)	\$	0.01
October 31, 2015	Nil	(181,034)	26,611	(154,423)	\$	0.01
July 31, 2015	Nil	(236,847)	210,098	(26,749)	\$	0.01
April 30, 2015	Nil	(171,382)	(118,413)	(289,795)	\$	0.01
January 31, 2015	Nil	(146,828)	319,826	172,998	\$	0.01
October 31, 2014	Nil	(169,270)	75,934	(93,336)	\$	0.01
July 31, 2014	Nil	(210,314)	(31,566)	(241,880)	\$	0.01
April 30, 2014	Nil	(185,058)	(45,682)	(230,740)	\$	0.01

# **Results of Operations**

The Company's net operating loss for the year ended January 31, 2016 was \$852,863 (2015: \$711,470). The table below presents the key expenditure items for the quarter and year ended January 31, 2016: (Note references refer to the Financial Statements for the year ended January 31, 2016).



	Year ended			Γ	Three months end				
		Janu	ary	31,		January			31,
		2016 2015		2015		2016			2015
Expenses									
Amortization	\$	951	\$	1,263		\$	237	\$	790
Directors' fees (Note 11)		46,818		43,618			17,053		16,185
Foreign exchange loss		1,728		352			(15,131)		(1,656)
Share based payments (Note 8)		18,854		55,870			-		11,750
Management and consulting fees (Note 11)		251,912		182,500			94,412		19,400
Professional services (Note 11)		237,578		173,894			98,471		38,112
Shareholder communications (Note 11)		95,975		106,309			38,839		26,278
Advertising, trade shows and promotions		61,174		11,821			3,331		4,208
Transfer agent and regulatory fees		25,289		16,803			2,858		5,041
Travel		31,078		20,479			2,180		6,909
General office		81,506		73,472			21,351		16,902
Loss on disposal of assets		=		25,089			-		2,910
Net loss for the year		852,863		711,470			263,601		146,829
Currency translation adjustment		(278,520)		(318,512)			(160,224)		(319,826)
Total comprehensive loss/(income) for the year	\$	574,343	\$	392,958	_	\$	103,377	\$	(172,997)

Management and consulting fees includes a charge of \$41,911 for consulting fees arising from the Kubi project for which there was no comparable expenditure in the prior year. Advertising and promotions expenditures increased by \$49,353 to apprise investors of the Kubi project with a view to raising funding to move the project towards production, and travel expenditures increased accordingly. Transfer agent and regulatory fees increased due to the once-off costs of listing on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE"). Shareholder communications reflect a reduction in services from the prior year.

The Company capitalizes all mineral property acquisition and exploration costs until the properties to which the costs are related are placed into production, sold or abandoned. The decision to abandon a property is largely determined by exploration results and the amount and timing of the Company's write-offs of capitalized mineral property costs will vary in a fiscal period from one year to the next and typically cannot be predicted in advance.

During the year ended January 31, 2016, mineral property acquisition and exploration costs totalling \$439,919 (2015: \$198,281), exclusive of Currency Translation Adjustments, were capitalized to mineral properties. Expenditures are detailed in the exploration expenditure table on page 7 below.

#### **Dividends**

There are no restrictions that could prevent the Issuer from paying dividends on its Common Shares. The Issuer has not paid any dividends on its Common Shares and it is not contemplated that the Issuer will pay any dividends in the immediate or foreseeable future. All available cash will be used to finance operations and explore mineral properties, until a revenue stream is generated.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At January 31, 2016, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$3,087,111. On March 3, 2016, liabilities of CAD\$854,019 and USD\$180,275 were settled through the issuance of shares for debt. In addition, long-term debt agreements have been concluded which defer the maturity date of CAD\$755,296 and USD\$510,101 in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and amounts due to related parties until May 19, 2018. The amounts are non-interest bearing and are unsecured. In addition key management and directors have deferred cash compensation until the liquidity position improves.

Expenditure obligations in terms of the acquisition of its interest in the Fahiakoba Concession have been met in full by the Company.

At present, the Company's operations do not generate cash flow and its financial success is dependent on management's ability to discover and develop economically viable mineral deposits and to realise a revenue stream from proposed royalty acquisitions. The mineral exploration process can take many years and is subject to factors that are beyond the Company's control.

In order to finance the Company's exploration programs and to cover general and administrative expenses, the Company raises money through equity issues. In addition the Company is seeking to finance its acquisition of up to a 100% interest in the Kubi Gold Project as discussed in the "Principal Business" section on page 2 above.

Many factors influence the Company's ability to raise funds, including the gold price, the general health of the resource market, the climate for mineral exploration investment, the Company's track record, and the experience and calibre of its management. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to a number of factors, including the progress of exploration activities. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital as required in the long term, but recognizes there will be risks involved that may be beyond their control.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Exploration Expenditures**

Exploration expenditures from January 31, 2014 to January 31, 2016 were as follows:



	Property:							
	F	ahiakoba	Betanase	Total				
Balance at January 31, 2014	\$	2,724,550	\$ -	\$ 2,724,550				
Geology and geophysics		52,011	-	52,011				
Field expenses		37,861	-	37,861				
General and administrative (Note 11)		108,409	-	108,409				
Currency translation adjustment		389,626	-	389,626				
Balance at January 31, 2015		3,312,457	-	3,312,457				
Drilling		-	161,569	161,569				
Assaying, testing and analysis		-	11,546	11,546				
Geology and geophysics		36,706	50,432	87,138				
Field expenses		27,164	39,717	66,881				
General and administrative (Note 11)		87,905	24,880	112,785				
Currency translation adjustment		347,003	6,445	353,448				
Balance at January 31, 2016	\$	3,811,235	\$ 294,589	\$ 4,105,824				

## **Outstanding Securities Data**

As at May 27, 2016 there are 36,231,000 Common Shares issued and outstanding. There are 2,000,000 Warrants outstanding, exercisable at \$0.15 per Common Share up to February 28, 2017, 325,000 warrants exercisable at \$0.30 until January 5, 2018, and 1,600,000 warrants exercisable until May 9, 2018 at \$0.25. There are also a total of 3,560,000 incentive options granted to directors, officers and consultants of the Company, of which 200,000 are exercisable at \$0.75 and 100,000 are exercisable at \$0.15 up to May 30, 2016; 250,000 are exercisable at \$0.15 and 700,000 are exercisable at \$0.75 per Common Share up to October 24, 2016; 200,000 are exercisable up to April 3, 2017 at \$0.15; 200,000 exercisable at \$0.15 per Common Share up to April 11, 2019; 350,000 are exercisable at \$0.15 up to May 15, 2019; 220,000 are exercisable at \$0.15 up to July 2, 2020; 300,000 are exercisable at \$0.17 up to May 9, 2018; and 1,040,000 are exercisable at \$0.17 up to May 9, 2021.

# **Transactions with Related Parties**

Related Party transactions include transactions with key management personnel and their related parties who hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities.

For the year ended January 31, 2016 the following transactions occurred:



	January 31			1,	
		2016		2015	
Management and consulting fees paid or payable to MIA Investments Ltd, a					
company controlled by an officer and director, D MacQuarrie	\$	180,000	\$	127,500	
Shareholder communications paid or payable to JNS Capital, a company					
controlled by a former director of the company, J Sandhu *		37,500		90,000	
Professional services paid or payable to 1765271 Ontario Inc., a company					
controlled by an officer of the Company, P Gibbs		90,000		90,000	
Professional services paid or payable to 3H Imaginations, a company controlled by					
a director of a subsidiary of the Company, H.K.Arhin		-		12,660	
Management and consulting fees paid or payable to Bashir Ahmed, an officer and					
director		41,911		-	
	\$	349,411	\$	320,160	

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		2016	:	2015			
Directors fees:							
M. Holcombe - resigned during the year ended January 31,2015	\$	-	\$	1,618			
F. Riedl-Riedenstein		12,000		12,000			
A. Heath		12,000		9,742			
H. K. Arhin (ASG Mining Limited - Ghana)		16,766		15,192			
R. Bourke (Asante Gold Corporation GH Limited - Barbados)		3,026		2,533			
R. Holford (Asante Gold Corporation GH Limited - Barbados)		3,026		2,533			
	\$	46,818	\$	43,618			

<sup>\*</sup> ceased to be a director July 2, 2015

Share based payments to related parties for year ended January 31, 2016 had a fair value of \$18,854 (2015:\$40,280).

Executive management and directors have deferred cash compensation until the working capital position is improved, and accordingly amounts due to related parties including key management and directors have increased significantly. As at January 31, 2016 a total of \$2,216,086 was owed to related parties, including loans and advances.

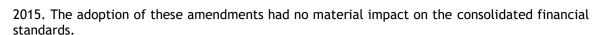
#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

Significant accounting policies are detailed in the notes to the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2016, which are available on www.sedar.com and on the Company's website.

## Changes in accounting policies including initial adoption

- New standards adopted in the current period:

The following standards are effective and have been adopted by the Company on February 1,



Amendments to IAS 24 - 'Related Party Disclosures'

Amendments to IFRS 2 - 'Share Based Payment'

#### - Standards, Amendments and Interpretations Not Yet Effective

The International Accounting Standards Board has issued new and amended standards and interpretations which have not yet been adopted by the Company. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of these standards and amendments and does not anticipate early adoption. The following is a brief summary of the new and amended standards and interpretations:

#### IFRS 9 - 'Financial Instruments'

This standard introduces new classification and measurement models for financial assets, using a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is measured at amortized cost or fair value. To be classified and measured at amortized cost, assets must satisfy the business model test for managing the financial assets and have certain contractual cash flow characteristics. All other financial instrument assets are to be classified and measured at fair value. This standard allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on equity instruments (that are not held-for-trading) in other comprehensive income, with dividends as a return on these investments being recognized in profit or loss. In addition, those equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income would no longer have to apply any impairment requirements nor would there be any 'recycling' of gains or losses through profit or loss on disposal. The accounting for financial liabilities continues to be classified and measured in accordance with IAS 39, with one exception, being that the portion of a change of fair value relating to the entity's own credit risk is to be presented in other comprehensive income unless it would create an accounting mismatch. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

## IFRS 11 - 'Joint Arrangements'

These amendments require an acquirer of an interest in a joint operation in which the activity constitutes a business (as defined in IFRS 3) to: (a) apply all of the business combinations accounting principles in IFRS 3 and other IFRS standards, except for those principles that conflict with the guidance in IFRS 11; and (b) disclose the information required by IFRS 3 and other IFRS standards for business combinations. The amendments apply both to the initial acquisition of an interest in joint operation, and the acquisition of an additional interest in a joint operation (in the latter case, previously held interests are not re-measured). These amendments are effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

# IFRS 16 - 'Leases'

This new standard brings most leases on-balance sheet for lessees under a single model, eliminating the distinction between operating and finance leases. The application of this standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

The Company is exposed to a variety of risk factors, of which the most significant are outlined in the section 'Financial Risk Management' below.



# Financial Risk Management

The Issuer is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board approves and monitors the risk management processes. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is provided as follows:

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Issuer if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Issuer's credit risk is primarily attributable to its liquid financial assets, including cash and receivables. The Issuer limits the exposure to credit risk by only investing its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality financial institutions in business and saving accounts, guaranteed investment certificates, and in government treasury bills which are available on demand by the Issuer.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Issuer will not be able to meet its financial obligations when they become due. The Issuer ensures, as far as reasonably possible, it will have sufficient capital or access to debt in order to meet short to medium term business requirements, after taking into account cash flows from operations and the Issuer's holdings of cash and cash equivalents. The liquidity risk at this time is high due to the working capital deficiency and the current investment climate related to the still weak gold price effect on junior mining companies. The Company intends to raise funds from external sources through equity and debt.

#### Foreign Exchange Risk

The Issuer is exposed to financial risk arising from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. At January 31, 2016, the Company is exposed to currency risk through the following financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies:

	US		Ghana		
	Dollars		Cedis		Euros
Current liabilities	\$ 886,507	Ø	90,056	€	4,550
CAD foreign exchange rate	1.3971		0.3477		1.5251
CAD equivalent	\$ 1,238,538	\$	31,313	\$	6,939

A 10% increase in the Canadian (CAD) dollar against the foreign currency at January 31, 2016 would result in an increase (decrease) to net income in the amounts shown below, assuming that all other variables remain constant.

This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular, interest rates, remain constant:

	Dollars	Cedis	Euros
Change in net income	\$ 123,854	\$ 3,131	\$ 694

The Company is also exposed to foreign currency risk because the Company's exploration and evaluation assets are denominated in United States dollars. A 10% increase in the CAD dollar against

the United States dollar at January 31, 2016 would result in a decrease to other comprehensive income of approximately \$331,000 arising from the Company's exploration and evaluation assets.

#### Interest rate risk

The Issuer is subject to interest rate risk with respect to its investments in cash. The Issuer's policy is to invest cash at fixed rates of interest and cash reserves are to be maintained in cash and cash equivalents in order to maintain liquidity, while achieving a satisfactory return for shareholders. Fluctuations in interest rates when the cash and cash equivalents mature impact interest income earned. The Issuer is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

# Commodity Price Risk

While the value of the Issuer's mineral resource property, Fahiakoba Concession, and recently optioned Betanase Concession is indirectly related to the price of gold, the Issuer currently does not have any operating mines and hence does not have any hedging or other commodity based risks in respect of its operational activities.

Gold prices have historically fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous factors outside of the Issuer's control, including, but not limited to, industrial and retail demand, central bank financial policies, forward sales by producers and speculators, levels of worldwide production, short-term changes in supply and demand because of speculative hedging activities, and certain other factors related specifically to gold.

#### Capital Management

The Issuer's intended policy is to maintain a strong capital base and deal flow so as to maintain investor and creditor confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Given the poor junior company equity markets over the last few years, the Company decided to rely on debt financing rather than equity in order to minimize share dilution. The capital structure of the Issuer consists of cash and equity, comprising of issued common shares, share based payment reserve, accumulated and other comprehensive income (loss) and deficit, and contributed surplus.

There were no changes in the Issuer's approach to capital management during the quarter. The Issuer is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

#### Fair Value

The fair value of the Issuer's financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying amount. Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 - Inputs that are not based on observable market data.