

SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA/ January 26, 2016 [TSXV:DAU FSE:QXR2 OTC:DAUGF] **DESERT GOLD VENTURES INC.** (“Desert Gold” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has granted a total of 1,100,000 incentive stock options to directors under the Company's Stock Option Plan. The options are exercisable at \$0.20 per share and expire January 26, 2021.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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