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Viva Gold Corp. Common Shares Now DTC Eligible

VANCOUVER, BC – October 1st, 2018 – Viva Gold Corp. (TSX-Venture: VAU; OTCBB: VAUCF) (the “Company” or “Viva”) is pleased to announce that common shares of Viva Gold are now Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) eligible in the United States. This electronic method of clearing securities speeds up the receipt of stock and cash, reduces costs, and boost efficiencies in the marketplace. Additionally, being DTC eligible increases the number of brokerage firms able to trade the stock, as many brokerages do not allow the trading of non DTC eligible stocks due to the associated costs. The Company believes this will provide improved liquidity for existing shareholders and new investors alike.

Viva Gold is a gold exploration and development company with a focus on Nevada. Viva holds 100% of the Tonopah Gold Project, a large land position with demonstrated high-grade measured, indicated and inferred gold resources, located on the prolific Walker Lane Trend in Nevada, 30 kilometers south-east of the Round Mountain mine of Kinross Gold and 20 kilometers from the Town of Tonopah. Viva’s management team has extensive experience in mining exploration, development and production and are supported by a Board of Directors and advisors who are proven mine finders, deal makers and financiers. Viva has 17.8 million shares outstanding and trades on the TSX-V “VAU”, on the OTCBB in the US “VAUCF” and on the Frankfurt exchange under the symbol “7PB”. For additional information on Viva Gold and the Tonopah Gold Project, please visit our website: www.vivagoldcorp.com.

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the degree to which mineral resource estimates are reflective of actual mineral resources; the degree to which factors which would make a mineral deposit commercially viable are present; the risks and hazards associated with drilling and mining operations; and the ability of Viva to fund its capital requirements. Risks and uncertainties about the Company's business are more fully discussed in the Company's disclosure materials filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada available at www.sedar.com. Readers are urged to read these materials. Viva assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking information or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from such information unless required by law.

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