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VIVA GOLD ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

VANCOUVER, BC - April 3, 2019 - **Viva Gold Corp.** ("**Viva Gold**" or the "**Company**") (TSX Venture Exchange: **VAU**) is pleased to announce its intention to complete a non-brokered private placement (the "Offering") of up to 5,000,000 units (the "Units") at a price of CDN \$0.37 per Unit for gross proceeds of up to CDN \$1,850,000. Each Unit will consist of one common share in the capital of the Company (a "Share") and one whole transferable common share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each whole Warrant will be exercisable to acquire one Share at an exercise price of CDN \$0.47 per Share for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance.

Proceeds will be utilized to complete the already underway, updated resource estimate on the Tonopah gold project, incorporating 26 new drill holes from our successful 2018 drilling campaigns; 3,000 to 4,000 meters of additional step-out and infill drilling to further increase resource size and confidence level; metallurgical test work, and base-line environmental study work; and for general corporate working capital purposes.

Certain insiders of the Company may acquire Units in the Offering. Any participation by insiders in the Private Placement would constitute a "related party transaction" as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). However, the Company expects such participation would be exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 as the fair market value of the Units subscribed for by the insiders, nor the consideration for the Units paid by such insiders, would exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

The Company may pay finder's fees on a portion of the Offering, subject to compliance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange and applicable securities legislation. Closing of the Offering is subject to approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The securities issued under the Offering, and any Shares that may be issuable on exercise of any such securities, will be subject to a statutory hold period expiring four months and one day from the date of issuance of such securities.

About Viva Gold

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, 36 kilometers south-east of the Round Mountain mine of Kinross Gold and 30 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 trades on the TSX-V as "VAU", on the OTCBB in the US as "VAUCF" and on the

Frankfurt exchange under “7PB”. For additional information on Viva Gold and the Tonopah Gold Project, please visit our website: www.vivagoldcorp.com.

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