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## ADVENTUS AND SOUTH32 SIGN EARN-IN AGREEMENT FOR EXPLORATION PROJECTS IN IRELAND

**Toronto, January 13, 2020** – Adventus Mining Corporation (“Adventus” or the “Company”) (TSX-V: ADZN; OTCQX: ADVZF) is pleased to announce the execution of an earn-in agreement (the “Earn-in Agreement”) with South32 Base Metals Ireland Limited (“South32 Base Metals Ireland”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of South32 Limited (“South32”), to advance through exploration the Rathkeale, Kingscourt and Fermoy projects (the “Projects”) in the Limerick Basin in the Republic of Ireland, which are 100%-owned by Adventus through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Adventus Zinc Ireland Limited (“AZIL”).

Subject to the approval of the Irish Minister of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, exploration activity during the earn-in period is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2020 and include further geochemical studies and drilling of high priority targets. The Projects consist of prospecting licences covering an area of approximately 1,155 km<sup>2</sup> and highly prospective for zinc-lead-silver mineralization.

### **Earn-in Agreement – Exploration Funding in Ireland**

The Earn-in Agreement grants South32 Base Metals Ireland the right to acquire a 70% interest in the Projects by sole funding EUR 3,500,000 in exploration on the Projects over a four-year period. AZIL will operate the exploration activities during the earn-in period.

A technical committee, comprising representatives from each of Adventus and South32 Base Metals Ireland will review and approve exploration programs and budgets for the Projects. All decisions of the technical committee shall be decided by majority vote, with South32 Base Metals Ireland having the casting vote in case of a split decision.

Once South32 Base Metals Ireland has completed its funding obligations, South32 Base Metals Ireland may exercise its option right to acquire a 70% direct interest in a prospecting license area nominated by South32 Base Metals Ireland (“Project Area”). The parties shall then enter into a pre-approved joint venture agreement in respect of the Project Area. The joint venture agreement shall govern the joint venture with all costs and products borne by, and distributed to, the parties based on their respective participating interests. The joint venture agreement also contains certain capital contribution dilution mechanisms for participating interests and mutual rights of first offer for the parties.

The decision on the approval for the Earn-in Agreement and funding arrangement by the Minister of Communications, Climate Actions and Environment of the Republic of Ireland is pending.

### **The Projects – Rathkeale, Kingscourt and Fermoy**

The Rathkeale project comprises eight (8) prospecting licences covering 256 km<sup>2</sup> of prospective ground for carbonate-hosted Irish Type zinc-lead-silver mineralization within the targeted Waulsortian limestone. Historical drilling at Rathkeale has intersected significant alteration as well as mineralization. In 2017, Adventus

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completed a detailed structural-stratigraphic interpretation, under-pinned by 2D high-resolution seismic surveying, and supported by advanced geochemical techniques on historical records as an initial foundation to define areas of elevated mineral potential. This program resulted in six exploration target areas being identified for further work and drill testing.

The Kingscourt project comprises thirteen (13) prospecting licences covering 422 km<sup>2</sup> of ground considered prospective for Irish-type zinc-lead-silver deposits within the Pale Beds and Waulsortian limestone-hosted spectrums. Located in Counties Meath, Louth and Monaghan, exploration is primarily targeting footwall, Pale Beds-hosted zinc-lead-silver mineralization in the Moynalty Basin and is located approximately 10 km north of the Navan mine.

The Fermoy project in north County Cork consists of twelve (12) prospecting licences covering 477 km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the southern sector of the Irish zinc-lead-silver orefield. Based on historic data and maps, Adventus identified the area as poorly resolved geologically, with some key unrecognized structural characteristics yet to be interpreted by modern exploration models.

#### **Qualified Person**

The technical information of this news release has been reviewed and verified as accurate by Mr. Jason Dunning, M.Sc., P.Geo., Vice President Exploration for Adventus, a non-Independent Qualified Person, as defined by NI 43-101.

#### **About Adventus**

Adventus is a well-financed exploration and project development company, focused in Ecuador. Its strategic shareholders include Altius Minerals Corporation, Greenstone Resources LP, Resource Capital Funds, Wheaton Precious Metals Corp., and the Nobis Group of Ecuador. Adventus is leading the exploration and engineering advancement of the Curipamba copper-gold project in Ecuador as part of an earn-in agreement to obtain a 75% ownership interest. In addition, Adventus is engaged in a country-wide exploration alliance with its partners in Ecuador, which has incorporated the Pijili and Santiago projects to date. Adventus is based in Toronto, Canada, and is listed on the TSX-V under the symbol ADZN and trades on the OTCQX under the symbol ADVZF.

#### **About South32**

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. It produces bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at its operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. It is also the owner of a high-grade zinc, lead and silver development option in North America and has several partnerships with junior explorers with a focus on base metals. Its purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come, and to be trusted by its owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources.

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