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## Update on SMB balance sheet restructuring

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**Avocet Mining Plc (the 'Company') announces today that discussions with certain financial and trade creditors (the 'Major Creditors') of its subsidiary Société des Mines de Bélahouro SA ('SMB') continue with a view to reach agreement on a consensual restructuring of SMB's balance sheet.**

In light of the current circumstances, the Board of the Company decided to meet on 28 September 2017 to re-assess the status of the discussions with the Major Creditors, SMB's liquidity position and the available options.

Given the current status of discussions, it is unclear whether agreement on a restructuring of the balance sheet can be reached before SMB has exhausted all available sources of financing.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

Avocet Mining PLC ("Avocet" or the "Company") is an unhedged gold mining and exploration company listed on the London Stock Exchange (ticker: AVM.L) and the Oslo Børs (ticker: AVM.OL). The Company's principal activities are gold mining and exploration in West Africa.

In Burkina Faso the Company owns 90 per cent of the Inata Gold Mine. The Inata Gold Mine poured its first gold in December 2009 and produced 72,485 ounces of gold in 2016. Other assets in Burkina Faso include five exploration permits surrounding the Inata Gold Mine in the broader Bélahouro region. The most advanced of these projects is Souma, some 20 kilometers from the Inata Gold Mine.

The Company also holds an interest in the Tri-K project in Guinea. On 22 May 2017, the Company announced that it had completed its agreement to dispose of 40 per cent of the project to Managem, a Moroccan group listed on the Casablanca stock exchange, which will increase upon completion of a bankable feasibility study for a CIL plant at the site, the incurring of expenditures of at least US\$10 million, and the enlarging of the ore reserve, to 70 per cent (in the event of an increase of the reserve to 1 million ounce or more) or 60 per cent (if less than 1 million ounces).