

**NEWS RELEASE****Equinox Gold Commences Trading on the TSX-V as “EQX”****Trek Mining, NewCastle Gold and Anfield Gold Complete Business Combination to Create Equinox Gold**

**December 22, 2017 – Vancouver, BC** – Equinox Gold Corp. (TSX-V: EQX) (“Equinox Gold” or the “Company”), formerly Trek Mining Inc. (TSX-V: TREK), is pleased to announce that Trek Mining Inc., NewCastle Gold Ltd. (“NewCastle”) and Anfield Gold Corp. (“Anfield”) have combined their businesses to create Equinox Gold, following final approval by the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSX-V”) of the previously announced plan of arrangement.

“The overwhelming support for this merger from NewCastle and Anfield shareholders underscores the long-term growth potential of Equinox Gold,” said Christian Milau, CEO of Equinox Gold. “Equinox Gold has near-term production from the Aurizona Gold Mine in Brazil, significant production upside from the Castle Mountain Gold Mine in California and an exceptional development pipeline of gold and copper assets. We look forward to reporting on progress in 2018 as we work to achieve production and build a leading gold company.”

The Equinox Gold Board of Directors includes Ross Beaty, Christian Milau, Greg Smith, Marcel de Groot, Lenard Boggio, Marshall Koval and Jacques McMullen. Ross Beaty has been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Equinox Gold’s shares and warrants are now trading on the TSX-V in Canada under the symbols “EQX” and “EQX.WT”, respectively, and on the OTC in the United States under the symbol “LWLCF” and “LWLLF”, respectively. Anfield shares have ceased trading by way of a trading halt. NewCastle shares are expected to be de-listed shortly.

Equinox Gold’s new website is live at [www.equinoxgold.com](http://www.equinoxgold.com).

Equinox Gold is also pleased to report that the sale of the shares of Mayanique S.A. to International Nickel Supply SA (“INS”) was completed on December 21, 2017 and the Company has received the remaining US\$12.5 million in cash from INS. Further, the sale of Chapleau Resources Ltd., and its Coringa Gold Project, to Serabi Gold PLC (“Serabi”) was completed on December 21, 2017 and the Company has received the initial payment of US\$5 million in cash from Serabi. A further US\$5 million in cash is payable within three months of the closing and a final payment of US\$12 million in cash is due upon the earlier of first gold being produced from the Coringa Gold Project or 24 months from the date of closing. Payment of the future purchase price installments is secured by a pledge in the Company’s favour on the shares of Chapleau Resources Ltd. For further details on these transactions, please refer to the respective news releases issued by Anfield on December 21, 2017, which are available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under Anfield’s profile.

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## About Equinox Gold

Equinox Gold is a Canadian mining company with a multi-million-ounce gold resource base, near-term and growing gold production from two past-producing mines in Brazil and California, and a long-term growth platform with a diverse portfolio of gold and copper assets in North and South America. Early works construction is underway at the Company's Aurizona project in Brazil with the objective of pouring gold by year-end 2018, and a prefeasibility study is underway at the Company's Castle Mountain project in California with the objective of restarting production. Further information about Equinox Gold's current portfolio of assets and long-term growth strategy is available at [www.equinoxgold.com](http://www.equinoxgold.com) or by email at [ir@equinoxgold.com](mailto:ir@equinoxgold.com).

## Cautionary Notes and Forward-Looking Statements

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