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AVOCET SIGNS EARN-IN ON CHINESE GOLD PROJECT

Avocet Mining PLC ("Avocet" or "the Company"), the Central and South East Asian gold production and exploration company, is pleased to announce that it has signed a joint venture earn-in agreement ("JV Agreement") with Dynasty Gold Corporation of Canada ("Dynasty") to earn up to a 36% of Dynasty's interests in Xinjiang Province in China. This formalises the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") as announced by the Company on 3 March 2006.

Avocet first invested in Dynasty in November 2005 and currently holds an undiluted interest of 26% in Dynasty with agreements in place to increase this interest to 31%. Dynasty is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange in Canada (stock symbol DYG) and controls a large area of prospective ground in Western China. This includes 1,000km² at Hatu in Xinjiang Province ("the Hatu JV"), 100km² at Red Valley in Qinghai Province (within an Area of Mutual Interest of 1,000km²) and 2,000km² at Wild Horse in Gansu Province (Area of Mutual Interest of 13,000km², where permitting is awaited). On 27 February 2006 Dynasty announced a 9% undiluted equity investment by AngloGold Ashanti, the funds invested will be used to fund the Red Valley and Wild Horse projects.

The terms of the JV Agreement are such that Avocet can invest up to US\$1.8 million, with a minimum commitment of US\$800,000, in the Hatu JV by 31 March 2007 in return for a maximum 36% interest in Dynasty's interest in the Hatu JV. The funds will be used to bring the existing resource up to a measured and indicated category, undertake step out drilling to expand the resources and finalise metallurgical testwork, with a view to moving the project to feasibility. Following the minimum commitment Avocet will also have the right to negotiate further interests in the property until 30 September 2007. The agreement also gives Avocet the right of first refusal on any new projects that Dynasty negotiates in Xinjiang Province.

The Hatu deposit has an inferred resource of 16,855,400 tonnes at 1.68 g/t Au (912,600 ounces gold) using a cut-off grade of 1.0 g/t as independently verified by SRK Consulting in June 2005 to NI-43 101 standards, the Canadian standard for listed companies. Dynasty can earn up to 80% of the Hatu tenement by spending US\$12 million with no conditions on the timeframe in which this expenditure must be made. So far Dynasty has spent over US\$3 million towards this commitment.

The TSX Venture Exchange has approved the transaction with no further conditions to be satisfied.

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Notes to Editors

Avocet is a mining company listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. The Company's principal activities are gold mining and exploration in Malaysia (as 100% owner of the Penjom mine, the country's largest gold producer), Tajikistan (as 75% owner and operator of ZGC, Tajikistan's principal gold mine), and Indonesia (as 80% owner of the North Lanut gold mine in North Sulawesi). The Company has a number of advanced mining and exploration projects in Asia.