

Kinross and Red Back confident of value-creation potential of friendly combination

Companies endorse Glass Lewis report; reject ISS value recommendation

Toronto, Canada, September 3, 2010 – Kinross Gold Corporation (TSX:K, NYSE:KGC) and Red Back Mining Inc. (TSX:RBI) have re-affirmed their strong commitment to completing a friendly combination of the two companies, and have rejected the recommendation contained in a report from Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) on the transaction. The report is in contrast to the positive recommendation of Glass, Lewis & Co. LLC, a professional service firm that provides proxy research and voting recommendations to institutional investors.

The combination of Kinross and Red Back provides an exceptional opportunity for value creation, bringing the technical expertise and resources of Kinross to bear on developing and expanding Red Back's Tasiast project, one of the world's most exciting and promising gold properties. Kinross notes that the ISS report acknowledges that they were satisfied with the governance process. Kinross and Red Back believe that the ISS conclusions regarding valuation reflect a lack of technical understanding and knowledge of early-stage mining property valuation, and the potential to create value for shareholders by identifying and acquiring high-potential properties.

Kinross' view of the significant potential of Red Back's Tasiast deposit – and its subsequent valuation for this transaction – is founded on six months of exhaustive due diligence by its geologists, technical teams, and management, supported by independent opinions of respected outside consultants. In addition, a total of six fairness opinions prepared by leading financial institutions were provided to the boards of directors of both companies. Kinross' due diligence included multiple site visits, twinning of existing Red Back drill holes, extensive metallurgical testing, and modeling of options for mining and processing. This work gave Kinross the confidence that Tasiast will be one of the world's leading gold deposits, presenting a unique and compelling growth opportunity for Kinross and Red Back shareholders. It is standard practice in the mining industry to make acquisitions based on in-depth, professional evaluations of the expected long-term potential of an ore body, even though that potential has not been clearly delineated according to NI 43-101 requirements at the time of acquisition.

Kinross believes that the increase in Kinross' and Red Back's share price over recent days reflect growing shareholder understanding of the value and potential of this transaction, and confidence that the combination will be completed. Kinross believes that this confidence is based in part on the strong track record of its management team in creating value for shareholders in previous transactions, and its success in finding and developing new world-class gold properties globally.

In response to requests from ISS, Kinross provided substantial additional disclosure in its news release of September 1, 2010. This included detailed information outlining its development plans, including its plan to expand the Tasiast mill from its current level of 10,000 tonnes per day to approximately 60,000 tonnes per day, which gives a strong indication of the potential that Kinross sees for growth in Tasiast reserves.

Based on the strong indications of shareholder support for the transaction, Kinross and Red Back remain confident of a positive outcome of the shareholder votes for both companies. Kinross and Red Back reject the ISS approach to mining project valuation, and their related recommendation to Kinross shareholders. The companies strongly recommend that their shareholders vote in favour of the transaction based on previously stated unanimous recommendations by the boards of directors and management of both companies, the view of Glass Lewis, a total of six fairness opinions from respected financial institutions, and the exhaustive due diligence conducted to support the transaction.

Kinross will hold a special meeting of shareholders on September 15, 2010 at 10 a.m. ET regarding the proposed combination with Red Back. Proxies to be used or acted upon at the meeting must be deposited with Kinross' transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., by 10 a.m. ET on September 13, 2010.

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About Kinross

Kinross is a Canadian-based gold mining company with mines and projects in Canada, the United States, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Russia, employing approximately 5,500 people worldwide. Kinross' strategic focus is to maximize net asset value and cash flow per share through a four-point plan built on: delivering mine and financial performance; attracting and retaining the best people in the industry; achieving operating excellence through the "Kinross Way"; and delivering future value through profitable growth opportunities. Kinross maintains listings on the Toronto Stock Exchange (symbol:K) and the New York Stock Exchange (symbol:KGC).

About Red Back

Red Back is an un-hedged African-focused gold producer. It owns and operates the Chirano Gold Mine in Ghana and the Tasiast Gold Mine in Mauritania. Aggressive exploration programs aimed at increasing the Company's resource and reserve base at both Chirano and Tasiast are ongoing.

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Other information

Where we say “we”, “us”, “our”, the “Company”, or “Kinross” in this news release, we mean Kinross Gold Corporation and/or one or more or all of its subsidiaries, as may be applicable. Where we say Red Back in this news release, we mean Red Back Mining Inc. and/or one or more of its subsidiaries, as may be applicable.

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