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Cardinal Takeover Offers Update

Cardinal Resources Limited (ASX / TSX: CDV) (“**Cardinal**” or “**the Company**”) wishes to provide its shareholders an update in relation to the various applications made to the Australian Takeovers Panel (“**Panel**”) in relation to the affairs of Cardinal and to provide some additional further observations.

Update on Takeovers Panel Proceedings

Cardinal refers to its previous announcement of 4 November 2020 in respect of the various applications made to the Panel in relation to the affairs of Cardinal.

On 17 November 2020, the Panel published Media Releases in respect of each of the three outstanding applications, namely, *Cardinal Resources Limited 03* and *Cardinal Resources Limited 04* (which the Panel decided to hear together)¹ and *Cardinal Resources Limited 05*.² As noted in the Media Releases, the Panel has decided to decline to conduct proceedings in respect of all three applications.

Whilst Cardinal expresses its disappointment with the outcome, until such time as the Panel’s reasons have been published Cardinal remains subject to certain standard undertakings provided to the Panel and is prevented from commenting further.

Cardinal, in consultation with its advisors, is currently considering its options in relation to the decisions.

Other observations

The Cardinal Board continues to explore all possible contingencies for the benefit of its shareholders.

Having regard to Shandong Gold’s statement of intention that should a higher competing offer (to A\$1.00 per Cardinal Share) be made or announced, that Shandong Gold intends to increase the cash consideration under its offer to A\$1.05 per Cardinal Share,³ Cardinal notes that an opportunity exists for a third party bidder (or a consortium of bidders) to make a competing offer for Cardinal at a price in excess of A\$1.00 per share which would have the effect of freeing Shandong and Nordgold of their respective “best and final” statements.⁴

Cardinal will continue to provide updates as and when they become available.

Advisors

Cardinal’s joint financial advisers are Maxit Capital LP, BMO Capital Markets, Euroz Hartleys Limited and Canaccord Genuity Corp. Cardinal’s legal advisers are HopgoodGanim Lawyers (Australia) and Bennett Jones LLP (Canada).

¹ Refer to Panel Media Release TP20/76 (Cardinal Resources Limited 03 & 04 – Panel Declines to Conduct Proceedings) on 17 November 2020.

² Refer to Panel Media Release TP20/77 (Cardinal Resources Limited 05 – Panel Declines to Conduct Proceedings) on 17 November 2020.

³ Refer to ASX Announcement “Shandong Gold Offer Update – Statement of Intentions” dated 26 October 2020.

⁴ Shareholders should not place undue reliance upon the possibility of a third party competing offer emerging. Cardinal currently has no indication that such a third party competing offer is contemplated and there can be no guarantee that one will emerge. Such a third party competing offer would need to comply with all relevant regulatory and legal requirements. Any person considering making a third party competing offer must obtain their own independent legal and financial advice having regard to their individual circumstances and should conduct their own investigations and due diligence in respect of Cardinal.

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ABOUT CARDINAL

Cardinal Resources Limited (ASX/TSX: CDV) is a West African gold-focused exploration and development Company that holds interests in tenements within Ghana, West Africa.

The Company is focused on the development of the Namdini Gold Project and released its Feasibility Study on 28 October 2019.

Cardinal confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in its announcement of the Ore Reserve of April 3, 2019. All material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning this estimate continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The Namdini Project has a published gold **Ore Reserve of 5.1 Moz (138.6 Mt @ 1.13 g/t Au; 0.5 g/t cut-off), inclusive of 0.4 Moz Proved (7.4 Mt @ 1.31 g/t Au; 0.5 g/t cut-off) and 4.7 Moz Probable (131.2 Mt @ 1.12 g/t Au; 0.5 g/t cut-off).*

Authorised for release by the Board of Cardinal Resources Limited.

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Competent / Qualified Person Statement

The scientific and technical information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves at the Namdini Gold Project has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Richard Bray, a Registered Professional Geologist with the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Mr. Ekow Taylor, a Chartered Professional Geologist with the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Bray and Mr. Taylor have more than five years' experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person, as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" and as a Qualified Person for the purposes of NI43-101. Mr. Bray and Mr. Taylor are full-time employees of Cardinal and hold equity securities in the Company.

For further information on the Namdini project please see the Feasibility Study (FS) for the Namdini Gold Project, titled "Namdini Gold Project Feasibility Study 43-101 Report" by David Gordon, FAusIMM, Daryl Evans, FAusIMM, Nicolas Johnson, MAIG MPRM and Glenn Turnbull, FIMMM, MAusIMM, which was released on October 28, 2019. The technical report on the Feasibility Study, pursuant to NI 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, was issued on SEDAR at www.sedar.com on November 28, 2019.

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