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CARDINAL RECEIVES KEY WATER EXTRACTION PERMITS

Cardinal Resources Limited (ASX/TSX: CDV) is pleased to announce the Water Extract Permits for the Company's Namdini Gold Project in Ghana, West Africa have been granted by the Ghanaian Water Resources Commission.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Water Use Permit has been granted by Water Resources Commission of Ghana to extract raw water from the White Volta River for mining and processing purposes**
- **Water Use Permit has been granted by Water Resources Commission of Ghana to extract raw water from boreholes located within the Mining License area for mine construction and development purposes**

Cardinal's Chief Operating Office, Dave Anthony stated:

"These key permits will enable Cardinal to support the development and operation of the Namdini Gold Project. These permits allow for all year-round water extraction from the White Volta River, as well as boreholes located on the project site."

Cardinal's Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director, Archie Koimtsidis stated:

"We are extremely grateful to the Water Resources Commission of Ghana and all involved for the approval of our Water Use Permits and ongoing water licences.

"We are enthused with the granting of these critical permits as they are essential to the Namdini Project. With these approvals in place, there is clear demonstration of continued support for the project development from the Ghana Government. The Namdini Gold Project is rapidly and successfully moving into its development phase"

Project Development Timeline

Proposed Project development schedule (Subject to Financing*).

Milestone	Target timeline
Advance Relocation Action Plan to completion	Q3 2020
Advance Front End Engineering and Design ("FEED") to completion	Q4 2020
Target production commencement	H2 2022

**The Company's proposed project development schedule assumes that the Company is fully funded to proceed throughout and beyond the FEED process, into early works and full construction. Whilst the Company is currently engaged in the financing process, the actual development schedule will depend upon the manner and timing of the Company's financing plans. Dates are therefore indicative only.*

FEED UPDATE

Cardinal is pleased to advise that the FEED program of works is making excellent progress in accordance to the project execution schedule and with all principle design and procurement activities advancing as needed.

The FEED program is focused on further de-risking of the Project, while also looking for opportunities to reduce upfront capital and ensure achievement of the project execution schedule.

The program will more precisely define the technical requirements of the Namdini Project and deliver an optimised mine design and processing treatment plant. This work is also designed to refine capital estimates and operating costs.

Several key Owners Team positions in Cardinal have been appointed, to advance permitting, social and community requirements as well as site development, to support the Early Works Construction stages. The Relocation Action Plan has been developed and has been signed off by all stakeholders ready for initiation, subject to final project finance.

SPROTT PRIVATE RESOURCE LENDING (COLLECTOR) LP

Cardinal advises that a repayment of US\$8.0 million will be made to Sprott Private Resource Lending (Collector), LP (“Sprott”).

Following this repayment, the Sprott loan position will be approximately US\$19.0 million, down from approximately US\$27.0 million as at February 2020.

Cardinal reasonably expects that the Sprott facility will be fully repaid by the maturity date, being 1 March 2021.

The Sprott facility financial covenants have been revised to the below:

- Working capital ratio was 1.20 to 1.00 and is now 1.10 to 1.00; and
- The amount of Unrestricted Cash was US\$2.5 million and is now greater than US\$1.0 million or if, denominated in AU\$, an amount in AU\$ equivalent to US\$1.0 million.

Other than the above there have been no material changes to the facility agreement.

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

The Company announced completion of the Feasibility Study (FS), which was released October 28, 2019. The technical report on the Feasibility Study, prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, was issued on SEDAR at www.sedar.com on November 28, 2019.

Exploration programmes are also underway at the Company’s Bolgatanga (Northern Ghana) and Subranum (Southern Ghana) Projects.

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 and its completed Feasibility of October 28 2019. All material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning this estimate continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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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.

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