



Argonaut Gold and Alio Gold Complete Merger to Create North American Diversified Intermediate Gold Producer

TORONTO, Ontario – July 1, 2020 – Argonaut Gold Inc. (“**Argonaut**” or “**Argonaut Gold**”) (TSX: AR) and Alio Gold Inc. (“**Alio**” or “**Alio Gold**”) (TSX, NYSE-A: ALO) have completed the business combination to create a North American, diversified precious metals producing company with a strong portfolio of growth assets.

Pete Dougherty, President and CEO of Argonaut Gold, stated: “By combining Argonaut with Alio, we have created a diversified, intermediate gold producer with four producing mines, an enviable growth asset pipeline and increased capital markets scale. On behalf of the entire Argonaut Gold team I would like to personally welcome Ms. Paula Rogers and Mr. Stephen Lang to the Board of Directors.”

Argonaut common shares will continue trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange with no changes.

Alio shares are expected to cease trading on the NYSE American on July 1, 2020 and be de-listed from the Toronto Stock Exchange after close of business on July 3, 2020. Under the terms of the Arrangement Agreement, all of the Alio issued and outstanding common shares will be exchanged on the basis of 0.67 of an Argonaut common share per each Alio common share (the “Exchange Ratio”). The Exchange Ratio was agreed upon based on the volume-weighted average prices of Argonaut and Alio common shares over the 20 trading days ended on March 27, 2020.

Alio shares deposited in an online trading account will update automatically to reflect the conversion to Argonaut shares, generally within two weeks of closing. Alio shareholders who still hold physical share certificates or DRS Statements must submit a Letter of Transmittal to Argonaut’s transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., to receive new Argonaut share certificates. Additional information regarding the process is available on Argonaut’s website at www.argonautgold.com.

About Argonaut Gold

Argonaut Gold is a Canadian gold company engaged in exploration, mine development and production. Its primary assets are the El Castillo mine and San Agustin mine, which together

form the El Castillo Complex in Durango, Mexico, the La Colorada mine in Sonora, Mexico and the Florida Canyon mine in Nevada, USA. Advanced exploration projects include the Cerro del Gallo project in Guanajuato, Mexico, the Magino project in Ontario, Canada, and the Ana Paula project in Guerrero, Mexico. The Company continues to hold the San Antonio advanced exploration project in Baja California Sur, Mexico and several exploration stage projects, all of which are located in North America.

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metal prices and currency exchange rates, changes in project parameters, the possibility of project cost overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry, failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated. Although Argonaut has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Argonaut undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's estimates or opinions should change except as required by applicable securities laws. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Statements concerning mineral reserve and resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking statements to the extent they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed. Comparative market information is as of a date prior to the date of this document.

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