



FOUR NINES GOLD AND KINROSS AMEND AGREEMENT

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, February 19, 2026, Four Nines Gold Inc. ("Four Nines" or the "Company") (CSE: FNAU, OTC: FNAUF) is pleased to announce it has signed an amendment to the agreement with Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc., subsidiary, Kinam Gold Inc. ("Kinam") to explore and evaluate certain fee lands and unpatented mining claims in Lassen Country, California known as the Hayden Hill Property.

Charles Ross, CEO of Four Nines, stated, "The strong working relationship between the Kinross and Four Nines teams has facilitated the signing of the favourable amendment to the agreement. The amendments give the Company until November 1, 2028, to expand the zones of known high-grade mineralization, both vertically and horizontally".

The amended terms of the agreement, initially announced on April 19, 2023, pertain to cash payments, work expenditures and the date to elect the purchase of 100% of the shares of Lassen Gold Mining Inc. ("Lassen"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Kinam that holds all right, title and a 100% undivided interest in the Hayden Hill Property.

Under the terms of the amendment agreement, Four Nines is required to:

- Cash payment of US\$50,000 upon entry into the agreement **(paid)**.
- Cash payment of an additional US\$60,000 on or before March 1, 2023 **(paid)**.
- Cash payment of an additional US\$100,000 on or before November 1, 2024 **(paid)**.
- Cash payment of an additional US\$50,000 on or before November 1, 2025. **(paid)**
- Cash payment of an additional US\$100,000 on or before November 1, 2026.
- Cash payment of an additional US\$100,000 on or before November 1, 2027.
- incur at least US\$250,000 in qualified expenditures on or before March 1, 2023; **(done)**
- incur at least an additional US\$340,000 in qualified expenditures on or before November 1, 2024; **(done)**
- incur at least an additional US\$175,660 in qualified expenditures on or before November 1, 2025 **(done)**.
- incur at least an additional US\$1,000,000 in qualified expenditures on or before November 1, 2026 which includes a firm commitment of 5,000 feet of drilling.
- incur at least an additional US\$1,000,000 in qualified expenditures on or before November 1, 2027.
- incur at least an additional US\$500,000 in qualified expenditures on or before November 1, 2028.
- Work expenditures are cumulative.

At any time prior to November 1, 2028, Four Nines may elect to purchase all the shares of Lassen and indirectly acquire the Hayden Hill Property.

Additionally, the option to buydown the Reserved Royalty by 0.5% within seven (7) years of the Execution Date (August 19, 2022), has been extended to eight (8) years from the Execution Date.

About Four Nines Gold Inc.

Four Nines Gold Inc. has a world class exploration team and the right to acquire 100% of the Hayden Hill Mine from a Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc subsidiary. The Company is exploring and developing a project in mining-friendly Northern California. Hayden Hill is a former producing gold mine that was explored through 99,862 meters of drilling in 742 holes and for which there has been no systematic exploration since the mine closed in 1997. The Hayden Hill project is located on private land and drill permits for the

initial exploration program has been received from Lassen County. The Four Nines exploration team's objective is to expand the zones of known higher-grade mineralization, both vertically and horizontally. For more information, please contact the Company at info@fourninesgold.ca or visit our website at www.fourninesgold.ca for project updates and related background information.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOUR NINES GOLD INC.**

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