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Company Announcements
Australian Stock Exchange Limited

The Gold Company Limited

Rights Issue of options

Shortfall

We wish to advise that the one for one issue of options had a shortfall of applications totaling 7,881,511 options.

These options have been allotted by the underwriter of the issue.

Any queries should be directed to Simon Cato on (08) 93205128.

Yours faithfully

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Simon Cato
Chairman