

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

South African Gold Project Not To Proceed

11 May 2005

On 8 October 2004, the Company announced that it had entered into negotiations to acquire a controlling interest in an existing major gold project located in South Africa, subject to completion of due diligence and shareholder approval. The Company has received notice that as a result of continuing time delays and associated difficulties it is no longer in a position to complete the transaction. The Company is continuing to evaluate other prospective opportunities.

For And On Behalf Of The Board



Bryan J Frost
Chairman