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Hillgrove Closes Share Purchase Plan

Hillgrove Gold Limited (ASX: HGO) advises that it received a total of 135 applications from shareholders for $458,000 worth of shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Plan ("Plan"). The price at which the Shares have been issued pursuant to the Plan was calculated at a 15% discount to the weighted average market price of all Shares sold in the five (5) trading days prior to the Closing Date of the offer of 16 February 2004 or 16.80 cents per share

As a result the Company has issued and allotted a total of 2,726,222 shares after rounding up for fractions. Holding statements will be despatched shortly.

About Hillgrove

Hillgrove is an Australian resources company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange which is focussing on identifying resources opportunities that can either be brought into production readily or those where there is a clearly defined value adding route within a clearly understood risk environment. Commodities that are of particular interest include copper, gold, natural gas and silver, lead and zinc.

Hillgrove is exploring a total of 974 km^2 in the Gawler Craton and the Kanmantoo Trough, two of the most prospective regions of South Australia for copper and gold, and is earning a 32.5% interest in the PEL 238 Coal Bed Methane Project in the Gunnedah Basin in NSW. PEL 238 contains one of the largest onshore accumulations of natural gas in Australia.

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