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Allied Gold Shareholders Approve Merger Proposal

The acquisition of Allied Gold Mining Plc by St Barbara Limited was approved yesterday by Allied Gold shareholders at a general meeting in London, held to consider the merger proposal. Of the 71% of Allied Gold's issued shares which participated in voting, over 99% voted in favour of the merger proposal. Full details of the results of the Allied Gold meetings are set out in the corresponding announcement issued by Allied Gold earlier today.

St Barbara Chairman, Colin Wise, was pleased with the response by Allied Gold shareholders, and said the merger would create an international diversified gold mining and exploration company, with an outstanding platform to deliver superior returns to all shareholders.

"The combination of St Barbara and Allied Gold will create a leading gold producer, with forecast production for FY 13 of approximately 435,000 ounces of gold, and one of the largest gold reserves and resources portfolios in the mid-tier ASX listed gold sector. The strategic and financial logic behind the combination remains strong and clear. St Barbara looks forward to working with Allied Gold, and the respective Governments and local communities in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, once the merger has been completed."

The next step in the Scheme process is a Court Hearing in London to sanction the Scheme, scheduled for Thursday 30 August 2012. Subject to that approval, the new combined management team will assume control of the Allied Gold operations by 13 September 2012.

Ross Kennedy
Executive General Manager Corporate Services
Company Secretary
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