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Ad hoc news

<u>Current company situation</u>

- Encouraging findings from new geological analysis
- Temporary shut-down of production facilities to enable remodelling and to strengthen cash flow

Frankfurt, 11. October 2013. Pearl Gold (ISIN: DE000A0AFGF3). The restructuring process of Wassoul'Or SA, announced in the ad hoc release from August 23rd 2013 is gaining pace. Due to existing doubts about the current geological model, Wassoul'Or engaged South African geological specialists to re-evaluate the Kodieran mine. The findings gathered so far indicate that the style of mineralization is similar to that of other significant gold mines in Mali: a succession of highly mineralised veins separated by sterile meta-sediments. However, establishing a new robust geological model requires a further drilling campaign. To prepare for this and to conserve funds, Wassoul'Or has decided to place its treatment plant temporarily on a care-and-maintenance basis. Meanwhile,

Wassoul'Or continues its discussions with both financial advisers and external operators.

Careful analysis of previous drilling records has revealed evidence of good grades at depth in the locations drilled at that time. Combined with the recent surface field work done by said specialists this begins to provide evidence of a robust geological model. However, upgrading this developing model to one which is compliant with international protocols (JORC, CIM) will require a drilling campaign to provide infill information for areas not sufficiently covered in earlier drilling, as well as drill-holes to validate the mineralised zones observed to be present in previous campaigns.

In order to facilitate the forthcoming drilling activity as well as to reduce the cash outflow, the production at the Koderian mine will be shut down for an initial period of 6 months. The opportunity to carry out whatever modifications are necessary to the plant to cater for what is likely to be enriched material will also be taken. Pearl Gold approves this step.

Wassoul'Or's consultations with financial advisors continue, in order for the forthcoming activities to be adequately funded. All measures mentioned herein will be managed by an autonomous professional team engaged by Wassoul'Or. Decisions on the composition of this team are well advanced, and it will commence its activities as soon as funding for the next steps is secured.

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Pearl Gold strongly supports this course of action, and will be actively monitoring the performance of this team.

Ultimately the intention as far as mining/milling activities are concerned is to engage an external operator or operators. Expressions of interest will be sought by the project management team as details of mine planning and pit design develop. Pearl Gold supports this course of action as well, and expects to provide input at the time a decision on operator(s) is made.

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