

# Artemis Gold Awards Process Plant Epc To Sedgman For The Blackwater Gold Project

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VANCOUVER, May 2, 2022 - [Artemis Gold Inc.](#) (TSXV: ARTG) ("Artemis" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that, as planned, it has made an award for the EPC scope of works for the engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning of the processing plant and associated infrastructure at the Company's Blackwater project ("Blackwater" or the "Project") to Sedgman Canada Limited ("Sedgman"), a CIMIC Group Company.

The award amount of approximately \$312 million is consistent with the prescribed budget for the process plant and selected infrastructure scope of works in the 2021 Feasibility Study technical report entitled "Blackwater Gold Project NI 43-101 Technical Report on Updated Feasibility Study" dated September 10, 2021 ("FS").

The EPC contract is expected to be executed by June 30, 2022. The EPC contract will be supported by performance security including bank letters of credit which will underwrite the financial performance and obligations of the contractor under the contract.

While the parties finalize the definitive EPC contract, in order to maintain the project schedule, an interim services agreement has been agreed, the scope of which includes but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Derisking by way of:
  - Procurement and pricing of long lead equipment;
  - Potential advance procurement of certain raw materials for fabricators;
  - Detailed engineering work commencing in Q2 2022; and
  - Progression of quantification of structural steel/platework and piping areas of the estimate.
- Optimization through refined scope changes.

The project schedule supporting the award to Sedgman includes the following assumptions:

- Construction mobilization and major works preparations commence in Fall 2022 with process plant bulk earthworks scheduled to be completed prior to the start of major works;
- Commissioning activities of the process facility to commence in Q1 2024;
- First gold pour expected in H1 2024.

The above dates are consistent with the dates stated in the Company's press release dated March 30, 2022.

The final EPC contract terms will provide for potential cost adjustments of certain components of construction representing approximately less than 15% of the total contract amount, including the potential for cost adjustments from further quantity definition. Standard adjustments, including, currency exchange rates for certain equipment purchases also apply, and further optimization of the processing plant with final engineering will occur.

Artemis is also considering awarding additional construction packages under an EPC agreement type structure to further enhance the risk management of the total capital expenditure for Blackwater.

When combined with the EPC for the Power Transmission Line announced on August 18, 2021, the percentage of the estimated total capex for Blackwater under EPC is on track to target ~60% of the initial Stage 1 development capital in a lump sum EPC type arrangement by Q3 2022.

Sedgman Canada Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary company of Sedgman Pty Limited, a CIMIC Group

company. CIMIC Group (ASX:CIM) is an engineering-led construction, mining, services and public private partnerships leader working across the lifecycle of assets, infrastructure and resources projects. CIMIC's mission is to generate sustainable shareholder returns by delivering innovative and competitive solutions for clients and safe, fulfilling careers for its people. With a history since 1899, and around 29,000 people in around 20 countries, CIMIC strives to be known for principles of Integrity, Accountability, Innovation and Delivery, underpinned by Safety. CIMIC is a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Australia Index and FTSE4Good.

Steven Dean, Chairman and CEO commented, "The award of the EPC job for the process plant at Blackwater is another significant milestone for Artemis, reflecting a competitive process involving multiple bidders. We are very pleased to be working with a world class engineering firm in Sedgman. In partnership, we will work to finalize the design and engineering of the Blackwater project in advance of a start of major development activities. Blackwater remains on track for a start of major construction activities following receipt of Mines Act and other permits in Fall 2022 with a first gold pour in H1 2024".

Further updates will be provided in due course.

#### Qualified Person

Jeremy Langford, FAUSIMM, a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information in this news release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

[Artemis Gold Inc.](#)

On behalf of the Board of Directors

"Steven Dean"

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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