Aris Gold Receives Positive Recommendations From Iss And Glass Lewis On The Proposed Combination With Gcm Mining

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VANCOUVER, Sept. 8, 2022 - <u>Aris Gold Corp.</u> (Aris Gold or the Company) (TSX: ARIS) (OTCQX: ALLXF) announces the receipt of positive recommendations in support of the business combination with GCM Mining announced on July 25, 2022, from two independent proxy advisory firms, Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) and Glass Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis). The Aris Gold shareholder meeting to approve the transaction is scheduled for September 19, 2022.

ISS and Glass Lewis are leading independent, third-party proxy advisory firms who provide voting recommendations to pension funds, investment managers, mutual funds, and other institutional shareholders.

In making the recommendation, ISS commented:

"The transaction makes strategic sense as the arrangement will create a combined company with a balanced portfolio of operating and development assets with increased scale and diversification, significant free cash flow to unlock shareholder value, including potential cost reduction synergies of approximately \$10 million per year. In addition, the at-market-value merger is expected to provide the combined company with an opportunity to re-rate its share price, improved balance sheet and enhanced capital markets profile."

Glass Lewis commented:

"The proposed transaction is predicated on sound rationale and is the result of a thorough review by the GCM and Aris Gold boards. In the prevailing market and commodity price environment, a merger involving strategically and geographically complementary assets, such as the proposed transaction, often represents a mutually beneficial path for resource companies to achieve greater scale, asset diversification and potential synergies as they strive to reduce costs and deliver greater returns and incremental value for shareholders."

Shareholder meeting

The Aris Gold shareholder meeting will be held virtually on September 19, 2022 at 10am PT/1pm ET via live audio webcast at https://web.lumiagm.com/294-900-287.

Aris Gold shareholders requiring assistance may contact Aris Gold's proxy solicitation agent, Laurel Hill Advisory Group, as follows:

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About Aris Gold

Aris Gold is a Canadian mining company listed on the TSX under the symbol ARIS and on the OTCQX under the symbol ALLXF. The Company is led by an executive team with a demonstrated track record of creating value through building globally relevant gold mining companies. In Colombia, Aris Gold operates the 100%-owned Marmato mine, where a modernization and expansion program is under way, and as of April 12, 2022, operates the Soto Norte joint venture, where environmental licensing is advancing to develop a new gold mine. Aris Gold also owns the Juby project, an advanced exploration stage gold project in the Abitibi greenstone belt of Ontario, Canada. Aris Gold plans to pursue acquisition and other growth

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opportunities to unlock value creation from scale and diversification.

Additional information on Aris Gold can be found at www.arisgold.com and www.sedar.com.

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