Perseus Mining signs Option Agreement to Purchase Prospecting License Adjacent to Edikan Gold Mine

Perseus Mining Limited (ASX/TSX: PRU) is pleased to announce that its 90% owned Ghanaian subsidiary, Perseus Mining (Ghana) Limited (“PMGL”), has signed an option agreement with local Ghanaian company, Adio-Mabas Ghana Ltd, to acquire the 23.85km² Agyakusu Prospecting License PL 2/177, that adjoins Perseus’s Edikan mining leases, and is located between 2 and 8 km from the Edikan processing facility.

Highlights:

• Subject to completion of customary conditions precedent, Perseus has the right to acquire 100% of the Agyakusu prospecting license for consideration of US$600,000, staged over a three-year period and a commitment to spend up to US$1.6M on exploration during that period.

• Artisanal activity on the Agyakusu tenement has exposed an extensive, mineralised granitic system similar to deposits currently being mined on the Edikan mining leases. Exploration success at Agyakusu could potentially extend the remaining six-year life of the Edikan Gold Mine;

• Acquisition of Agyakusu is consistent with Perseus’s strategy to grow organically by exploring and potentially developing mineral resources located within trucking distance of existing infrastructure.

Perseus’s Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Mr Jeff Quartermaine said:

“Agyakusu represents an exciting opportunity to potentially extend the current six year remaining mine life of our Edikan Gold Mine.

The agreement is consistent with Perseus’s three-pronged organic growth strategy, which involves optimisation of our existing asset base, exploration adjacent to our existing infrastructure and developing an exploration and development pipeline of projects away from existing licence areas, all with the aim of developing a stainable gold business producing approximately 500,000 oz pa at a margin of not less than US$400/oz.

We look forward to rapidly advancing the exploration on Agyakusu to determine what this exciting prospect yields.”
Detail of altered & mineralised granite
Key Earn-in Terms

PMGL has purchased an option to acquire the Agyakusu Prospecting Licence PL 2/177 from Adio-Mabs Ghana Limited on the following terms.

PMGL is to make the following staged payments to the vendor:

- US$25,000 on signing the option agreement;
- US$175,000 on satisfaction of customary conditions precedent;
- US$100,000 at the end of the first year to extend the option by a year;
- US$100,000 at the end of the second year to extend the option for a further year;
- US$600,000 to exercise the option at any time, less any of the above payments already made.

While it maintains the option to purchase the licence, PMGL is required to meet the following exploration expenditure commitments:

- Minimum US$400,000 in the first year of the option before withdrawal from the arrangement;
- Cumulative $1,000,000 by the end of the second year, pro-rated if PMGL withdraws during the year;
- Cumulative $1,600,000 by the end of the third year, pro-rated if PMGL withdraws during the year.

The vendor will retain a 1.5% NSR royalty interest in any gold produced from the Agyakusu license area.

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