Condor Gold plc - Statement Re Press Article Commencement of Offer Period

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<u>Condor Gold plc</u> (AIM:CNR) (TSX:COG) notes the press article released today and confirms that it has received two non-binding offers from <u>Calibre Mining Corp.</u> ("Calibre") (TSX:CXB) (OTCQX:CXBMF) and Metals Exploration Plc ("Metals") (AIM:MTL) which may lead to an offer for the entire issued and to be issued capital of Condor ("Possible Offer").

The Company announced on 27 September 2024 that, in relation to an asset only sale of the Company's La India Project in Nicaragua, the Company remained in discussion with a number of interested parties, both longer term and more recent, with several new parties having expressed an interest, been given access to the data room and indicating a wish to conduct site visits. The Company has now received two non-binding offers from Calibre and Metals with respect to a Possible Offer.

There can be no certainty that any firm offer will be made, nor as to the terms on which any firm offer might be made.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Calibre and Metals are required, by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 29 December 2024, being 28 days after the date of this announcement, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Condor in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline may be extended with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

As a consequence of this announcement, an offer period has now commenced in respect of the Company in accordance with the rules of the Code and the attention of shareholders is drawn to the disclosure requirements of Rule 8 of the Code, which are summarised below.

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Rule 26.1

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in restricted jurisdictions) on the Condor website (www.Condorgold.com) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day following this announcement. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

Rule 2.9

For the purposes of Rule 2.9 of the Code, the Company confirms that as at the date of this announcement, the total number of voting rights in the Company is 204,442,778 ordinary shares. The International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) for the Ordinary Shares is GB00B8225591.

Rule 2.11

In accordance with Rule 2.11 of the Takeover Code, a copy of this announcement will be sent to; (i) the Company's shareholders; and (ii) the Panel, in addition to being made readily available by the Company to its employees.

Disclosure requirements of the Code

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Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror, and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Takeover Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0) 20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

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