

Sutter Gold Mining Inc. Favorably Restructures its Debt Obligations and Provides Project Update

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Dec 23, 2013) - **Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (TSX VENTURE:SGM)(OTCQX:SGMNF) ("Sutter or the "Company")** announces that it has entered into an agreement for a restructured Senior Secured Term Loan Facility (the "SSTLF") with RMB Australia Holdings Limited ("RMBAH"). The new SSTLF will replace the current Pre Paid Gold Facility (the "PPGF") between SGM and RMBAH, dated July 14, 2011, and the Bridge Loan Facility (the "BLF"), dated October 18, 2012, as amended and restated (together as the "Facilities").

Key terms and conditions of the SSTLF include the following:

- The existing forward positions associated with the PPGF have been closed out at market according to the close out protocol agreed between the Company and RMBAH with the resulting marked-to-market value of the PPGF obligations forming part of the principal amount to be restructured in the SSTLF. The PPGF refinancing amount is \$17.05 million.
- The BLF principal of \$19.97million will be refinanced as additional principal under the SSTLF.
- The total amount available under the SSTLF will be \$40M for the purpose of repaying amounts owing under the PPGF close out and BLF and for continued development of the Lincoln Project and general corporate purposes.
- The SSTLF will bear interest at Libor plus 5% per annum payable quarterly beginning March 31, 2014 and continuing until repayment of the SSTF.
- Scheduled principal repayments of the SSTLF will commence December 31, 2014 on a quarterly basis through March 31, 2018.
- Mandatory pre-payments of the SSTLF will be made equal to 75% of the available free cash flow after all Project and corporate costs, interest and scheduled repayments on a quarterly basis.
- The SSTF may also be pre-paid by the Company at any time without penalty in part or in whole.
- Upon commencement of commercial production the Company may enter into gold hedging arrangements with RMBAH at its discretion over a maximum of 60% of forecast production over the term of the SSTF.

The key benefits of restructuring the PPGF are to crystallize and reduce the obligations of the Company in a transparent manner, with the marked-to-market value at close \$2.95 million less than the nominal \$20 million borrowed at inception under the PPGF. The close out of the PPGF allows for all future production to be sold at spot rather than at a blend of the \$941/oz delivery price under the PPGF and the spot price. This improves expected cash flow for debt service and allows for the consideration of new hedging at a higher price point that would provide a greater degree of downside gold price protection during debt repayment. In addition, the SSTLF reduces the interest rate on funds borrowed under the BLF from Libor plus 10% to Libor plus 5%.

The SSTLF is subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Project Update

Underground development associated with the most recent work program (see press release of July 3, 2013) was completed in November, ahead of schedule and on budget. The development completed the lateral and

vertical development required to establish secondary egress from the mine to achieve regulatory compliance allowing for production mining. Additional development on the 900, 1000 and 1100 levels exposed key mineralized veins improving the Project geological models and reducing geologic risk as well as providing enhanced information for detailed mine planning and additional development required for access and commencement of production mining from initial mining panels.

Progress at the mill was hampered by poor design elements, inappropriate equipment selection and improper installations made apparent from the processing of approximately 400 tons of stockpiled mineralized material. Process and metallurgical consultants were engaged to assess these issues and made several recommendations that have been implemented with respect to changes in the process flow sheet, select new equipment and improved operating protocol and procedure. Mill operation has recommenced and the process of commissioning the milling facilities for production is underway.

The Company is finalizing the budget and programs for the next phase of work at the Lincoln Project. This work program will entail:

- The additional underground development required to allow for the commencement of production from mining panels between 900 and 1000 level and between the 1030 sublevel and the 1100 level;
- Processing of 3,000 to 3,500 tons of mineralized material stockpiles to identify and correct any remaining bottlenecks, optimize mill operations, complete commissioning of the processing facilities for production and generate revenue from the gravity and flotation circuits; and
- Complete detailed mine planning for the first 12 months of mine production and revisit the life of mine plan as appropriate with the additional information generated from the recently completed mine development and the detailed mine plan for the first year of mine production.

The work plan is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2014 with an overall objective of having the mine and mill in a position to commence mining and milling operations.

Rick Winters, interim President and CEO, commented, "We are pleased with the continued support of the Company and Project by RMB in refinancing our existing obligation on favorable terms and providing continuing funding to move forward with our next phase of work. We have been very pleased with the underground development we have completed and have an improved understanding of our principal veins and our approach to continued development and mining. The issues we experienced as we began running the mill were more troublesome than we expected, though we are confident we have identified the problems and bottlenecks and addressed them to allow for sustained processing of our existing stockpiles and commissioning of the processing facilities over the next three months. Fortunately, a fundamental positive for the Project is excellent metallurgy, as demonstrated from nearly 8 million ounces produced historically and extensive test work that has been completed for the Project. We look forward to generating initial revenue in the first quarter of 2014 as we execute our next work program, and plan on having the Project in a position to be able to commence production at its conclusion."

About Sutter

Sutter has two projects: the Lincoln Project located in Amador County, on the California Mother Lode Gold Belt, and the Santa Theresa Project located in the Northern Baja region of Mexico. Currently, the Company is completing the mill construction and underground development of the Lincoln Mine Project, beginning with the shallow portion of the Lincoln-Comet ore zone. The Lincoln-Comet and Keystone zones have a NI 43-101 compliant Indicated Resource estimate (completed in February 2008). Sutter currently controls approximately 3.6 miles of the Mother Lode of Amador County, with 90% of the property still unexplored.

In Mexico, Sutter holds the rights to the geologically similar, high-grade El Alamo district of northern Baja.

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