

Samco Gold Provides Further Information on US\$244 Million Argentinean Court Award Against Yamana Gold Subsidiary

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Jan 8, 2015) - [Samco Gold Ltd.](#) (TSX VENTURE:SGA) ("Samco Gold" or the "Company") announces that further to its news release of January 2, 2015 the Spanish original and a certified English translation of the full report (the "Report") of the Argentinean court appointed expert arbitrator (the "Expert") that quantified the damages for breach of contract against Yamana's subsidiary, [Northern Orion Resources Inc.](#) (now named 0805346 B.C. Ltd. and owned by [Yamana Gold Inc.](#); referred to herein as "Northern Orion") at US\$244 million (the "Award"), is being filed today on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) under cover of a material change report.

The judgment (the "Judgment") of the Argentinean Commercial Court of Appeals became final and definitive when the Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina, on October 28, 2014 unanimously denied Northern Orion's extraordinary motion seeking leave to appeal. All possible appeals of the Judgment have therefore been exhausted by Northern Orion.

The Report sets out in detail the calculation methodology followed by the Expert based on the instructions provided by the Argentinean Commercial Court of Appeals in its Judgment for breach of contract against Northern Orion.

Some highlights of the Report:

- The Expert reported that his request for documentary evidence necessary to complete the Award calculation was not answered by Minera Alumbra and nor by Argentinean legal counsel to Northern Orion.
- The Expert relied on the publicly available (SEDAR) financial disclosures made by Northern Orion and subsequently by Yamana relating to the dividends received by them from Minera Alumbra.
- The Expert obtained guidance from the Court on the appropriateness of the information gathering process.
- The Expert, in accordance with the Judgment, applied the plaintiff's right to 15% of dividends received by Northern Orion from its 12.5% interest in Minera Alumbra.
- The interest rate applicable to the Award, in accordance with the Clarifying Decree by the Court of Appeal, is the 30-day discount operations rate published by the National Bank of Argentina commencing from the date of notification of the complaint (April 23, 2004).
- In accordance with the Court's instructions as set out in the Report, the Expert determined the US Dollar Award to December 18, 2014 to total US\$244,512,225.60.

The Expert's report relates to the final and definitive decision of the Judicial Courts in Argentina recognizing the pre-emptive rights of Mr. Auriemma and putting an end to any dispute on this issue. This Judgment then provided for the appointment of an Expert to calculate the amount of damages awarded by the Court. The Report submitted by the Expert has the legal status of a definitive legal decision and is not an assessment.

The Judgment provides for Mr Auriemma's participation right in the dividends paid to Northern Orion to continue until the end of the life of mine at Alumbra. The Award only provides for a share of profits until the end of 2015, a date suggested by Northern Orion in the Argentinean litigation as the end of the life of mine at Alumbra. With the recent Yamana disclosure (Yamana news release, December 10, 2014) that the end of life of mine at Alumbra is now anticipated to be 2019, the Company believes that additional amounts over

and above the Award may be claimed.

The Company will continue to monitor proceedings in Argentina and update the market as matters develop.

Notes to editors:

Pursuant to a participation and option agreement dated January 10, 2014 (the "Participation Agreement"), Samco Gold has the right to participate, on a sliding scale basis, in any benefits arising from future enforcement of the Judgment, and, based on the Award, entitles Samco Gold to receive US\$88.4 million. The Participation Agreement also grants Samco Gold an option, in lieu of its participation right and for a prescribed period of time, to acquire all rights arising under the Judgment against Northern Orion, by paying US\$50 million, provided these purchase funds are not raised through the issue of shares or convertible securities of Samco Gold or its affiliates. Should the Company elect this option, Samco Gold's share of the Award would amount to US\$194 million.

About Samco Gold Limited

Samco Gold's principal business has been the acquisition, exploration and development of precious metals resource properties in Argentina and the region. The Company's principal mineral property in Argentina is the *El Dorado Monserrat* ("EDM") epithermal gold project, located in the Deseado Massif region of Santa Cruz Province. With an experienced board and management team including a strong Argentinean complement, the Company's goal remains to become an Argentinean producer of gold and silver through the exploration and development of EDM. Samco Gold also owns a portfolio of other mineral exploration properties in the Deseado Massif, the most notable of which is the Corina property.

By virtue of its recently announced agreement with Mantaro Resources Limited, Samco Gold proposes to extend its principal business activities into Peru with the intention of becoming a Peruvian producer of zinc, lead and silver through the exploration and development of the Dino Property.

Additional details on the Company are available on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

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