MONTREAL, QUEBEC--(Marketwired - Sep 17, 2015) - SEMAFO (TSX:SMF)(OMX:SMF) today confirms that operations at its Mana Mine in Burkina Faso have not been interrupted by the coup d'état that erupted yesterday in the Ouagadougou area.

The Mana Mine is located 270 kilometers southwest and a five-hour road trip from the capital of Ouagadougou. We are closely monitoring the situation with our partners to ensure the continued safety and security of SEMAFO employees.

The information in this release is subject to the disclosure requirements of SEMAFO under the *Swedish Securities Market Act* and/or the Swedish *Financial Instruments Trading Act*. This information was publicly communicated on September 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

About SEMAFO

SEMAFO is a Canadian-based mining company with gold production and exploration activities in West Africa. The Corporation currently owns and operates the Mana Mine in Burkina Faso, which includes the high-grade satellite Siou and Fofina deposits, and is currently developing the advanced gold deposit of Natougou. SEMAFO is committed to evolve in a conscientious manner through the responsible development of its Mana property. SEMAFO's strategic focus is to maximize shareholder value by effectively managing its existing assets as well as pursuing organic and strategic growth opportunities.

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