

MONTREAL, QUEBEC--(Marketwired - May 13, 2016) - SEMAFO (TSX:SMF)(OMX:SMF) announces that at its Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 12, 2016, all directors nominated in the 2016 management proxy circular were re-elected. A total of 222,815,641 common shares or 80.05% of our issued and outstanding common shares were represented in person or by proxy at the meeting.

Detailed results are as follows:

Nominee	Votes for	% of Votes for	Votes Withheld	% of Votes Withheld	
Terence F. Bowles	222,365,810	99.80	% 449,831	0.20	%
Benoit Desormeaux	222,723,808	99.96	% 91,833	0.04	%
Flore Konan	215,850,095	96.87	% 6,965,546	3.13	%
Jean Lamarre	221,100,507	99.23	% 1,715,134	0.77	%
John LeBoutillier	193,247,323	86.73	% 29,568,318	13.27	%
Gilles Masson	221,511,811	99.41	% 1,303,830	0.59	%
Lawrence McBrearty	222,676,799	99.94	% 138,842	0.06	%
Tertius Zongo	216,219,033	97.04	% 6,596,608	2.96	%

Additionally, the proposal to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors was approved:

For: 97.58%

Withheld: 2.42%

Finally, an advisory resolution on the Corporation's approach to executive compensation was approved.

For: 97.86%

Against: 2.14%

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 developing the advanced gold deposit of Natougou. 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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