

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jul 4, 2016) - Lupaka Gold Corp. ("Lupaka Gold" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:LPK)(FRANKFURT:LQP) is pleased to announce that it has executed a definitive Pre-Paid Forward Gold Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with PLI Huaura Holdings LP ("PLI"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of British Columbia, to fund the completion of development and initiate production at its Invicta Gold Project ("Invicta"). PLI is an investment vehicle controlled by Pandion Mine Finance ("Pandion").

The gross proceeds of US\$6,100,000 (the "Gold Prepayment Amount") is payable in two tranches of US\$1,800,000 and US\$4,300,000 and will be used to complete mine development, safety and efficiency upgrades, upgrades and completion of access roads and commencement of mining operations as well as general and administrative costs and arrangement fees. The Company intends to ramp up operations to 350 tonnes per day ("tpd") as quickly as possible using contractors for all aspects of the operation. Receipt of the proceeds from both tranches is dependent upon the Company's completion of certain conditions precedent.

Each tranche will have a grace period of 15 months after which the Company will deliver to PLI a total of 19,530 ounces of gold for both tranches over the following 45 months. The Company will receive an amount per ounce of gold equal to the market price at the time, less a fixed discount. After the tranches have been repaid, the Company will have no further obligations under the Agreement. During the term of the Agreement, PLI will also share in the upside on any increase in metal prices.

The Company has the right to buy out and terminate the Agreement at any time and its obligations under the Agreement will be secured by a first charge over the Company's assets.

The Agreement also anticipates a future prepayment estimated to be US\$6-12 million, the proceeds of which would be used to fund the Company's acquisition or construction of a processing plant for the Invicta mine. This additional prepayment would be subject to terms to be agreed.

Gordon Ellis, President and CEO commented, "We are very pleased with this financing package in that it has very favourable characteristics, including that it is non-dilutive to shareholders, has a fixed term and can be paid out at any time. Management intends to use the cash flow from Invicta to further develop its Josnitoro and Crucero Gold Projects."

Joseph Archibald, Founding Partner of Pandion, commented, "We are delighted to be working with the Lupaka team in providing the financing for their Invicta Gold Project and look forward to providing the funding for their planned acquisition or construction of a processing plant as well. This funding highlights Pandion's philosophy to take a solution-oriented and partnership approach to build long term relationships with mining companies."

The Company will pay finders' fees in cash and shares to Red Cloud KS in connection with the Agreement, subject to TSX Venture Exchange acceptance.

Neither the TSX Venture Exchange nor its Regulation Service Provider (as the term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) accepts responsibility for the adequacy of this news release.

About Lupaka Gold

Lupaka Gold is a Peru-focused gold explorer and developer with geographic diversification and balance through its interest in asset-based resource projects spread across three regions of Peru.

Invicta Gold Project - the Company's 100%-owned Invicta Gold Project is a well-developed, poly-metallic gold-copper underground deposit located approximately 120 kilometres by road north of Lima. Management expects to commence production in 2016 by using third-party mining contractors and utilizing the adit and workings completed by previous owners.

Mining operations would be focused on accessing Invicta's Measured and Indicated resource estimates, which are comprised of:

Measured - 131,000 tonnes grading 6.65 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold equivalent for 28,000 contained ounces ("ozs") of gold, from: 18,000 ozs Au grading at 4.29 g/t, 133,000 ozs Ag grading at 31.71 g/t, 2,119k lbs Cu grading at 0.73%, 1,110k lbs Pb grading at 0.39% and 1,105k lbs of Zn grading at 0.38%.

Indicated - 8,513,000 tonnes grading 3.43 g/t gold equivalent for 939,000 contained ozs of gold, from: 573,000 ozs Au grading at 2.09 g/t, 4,285,000 ozs Ag grading at 15.65 g/t, 79,048k lbs Cu grading at 0.42%, 45,171k lbs Pb grading at 0.24% and 53,482k lbs of Zn grading at 0.21%.

An Inferred resource estimate of 2,534,000 tonnes grading 2.90 g/t gold equivalent for 236,000 contained ozs of gold has also been established.

The resources are stated at a 1.30 g/t gold equivalent cut-off contained within potentially economically mineable mineralized solids. Metal prices assumed for the gold equivalent calculation are US\$1,500/oz for gold, US\$32.50/oz for silver, US\$3.90/lb for copper, US\$1.05/lb for lead and US\$1.00/lb for zinc. The gold equivalent calculation assumes 100% metallurgical recovery, and does not account for any smelting, transportation or refining charges

Invicta's approved EIA allows for mine production at 1,000 tpd although the current mining plan is limited to 400 tpd.

Josnitoro Gold Project - the Company holds an option to earn a 65% interest on this project from [Hochschild Mining plc](#). The project is located approximately 600 kilometres by road southeast of Lima in the Department of Apurimac, southern Peru, within which lies the La Arena mine (Tahoe Resources) and the Constancia mine (HudBay Minerals). Historical work on the disseminated gold zones includes over 170 shallow drill holes and extensive surface trenching, as well as artisanal mining.

Crucero Gold Project - the Company holds a 100% interest in the Crucero Gold Project, a 5,500 hectare gold property located in southern Peru. Crucero has an Indicated mineral resource estimate of 1,003,041 ozs Au contained in 30,919,873 tonnes at 1.02 g/t gold (capped) and an Inferred mineral resource estimate of 1,027,806 ozs Au contained in 31,201,648 tonnes at 1.03 g/t gold (capped). These mineral resource estimates have been constrained by a conceptual pit shell in order to confirm reasonable prospects of economic extraction as set out in the CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves and NI 43-101.

About Pandion Mine Finance

Pandion is the general partner of PLI Huarura Holdings LP and is a mining-focused investment firm backed by MKS PAMP Group and Ospraie Management, LLC that provides flexible financing solutions to developing mining companies.

About Red Cloud Klondike Strike Inc.

Red Cloud KS is a 'new concept' capital markets advisory firm dedicated solely to the mining sector. The Red Cloud KS team uses its global network of capital markets specialists and extensive experience in the many facets of the business to help companies identify alternative sources of capital and quality actionable growth/divestiture opportunities, and to generate and maintain important relationships with key investors.

Red Cloud KS recently launched the world's first regulated equity crowd funding platform for mining. The signature online investment platform offers a unique alternative method of accessing capital as it enables accredited investors to directly participate in security offerings, and provides issuers the access to a fresh pool of investors in a streamlined, secure, online process. Red Cloud KS is registered as an Exempt Market Dealer in all provinces of Canada, as well as the Yukon, and is subject to applicable securities regulations.

Qualified Person

The technical information in this document has been reviewed and approved by Julio Castañeda Mondragon, MAIG, the President of Lupaka Gold Peru S.A.C., a Peruvian subsidiary of the Company, and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Castañeda has verified the scientific and technical information, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information or opinions contained in this news release.

The Invicta Gold Project resource estimates referred to in this news release are disclosed in the technical report dated April 16, 2012, titled "Technical Report on Resources, Invicta Gold Project, Huaura Province, Peru", and prepared by SRK Consulting (U.S.) Inc., which is available at www.sedar.com under [Lupaka Gold Corp.](#)'s profile.

The Crucero A-1 mineral resource estimates referred to in this news release are disclosed in the technical report with effective date January 17, 2013, amended and re-stated October 22, 2013, titled "Technical Report for the Crucero Property, Carabaya Province, Peru", and prepared by Tetra Tech WEI Inc. and SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. The Technical Report is available at www.sedar.com under Lupaka Gold's profile.

Cautionary Note Regarding the Invicta Production Decision

The decision to commence production at the Invicta Gold Project and the Company's plans for a mining operation as referenced herein (the "Production Decision and Plans") were based on economic models prepared by the Company in conjunction with management's knowledge of the property and the existing preliminary estimate of measured, indicated and inferred mineral resources on the property. The Production Decision and Plans were not based on a preliminary economic assessment, a pre-feasibility study or a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability. Accordingly, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks of failure associated with the Production Decision and Plans, in

particular the risk that mineral grades will be lower than expected, the risk that construction or ongoing mining operations are more difficult or more expensive than expected, the risk that the Company will not be able to transport or sell the mineralized rock it produces to local custom toll mills on the terms it expects, or at all; production and economic variables may vary considerably, due to the absence of a detailed economic and technical analysis according to and in accordance with NI 43-101.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward Looking Information

All statements, trend analysis and other information contained in this press release relative to anticipated future events or results constitute forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein, including, without limitation, statements relating to the receipt of and anticipated use of proceeds of the PLI financing, the Company's plans and intentions for Invicta, the expected benefits from a Company owned processing facility and mineral resource estimates, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions, estimates and opinions of management at the date the statements are made that the Company believes are reasonable, including: that the payment of the Gold Prepayment Amount is consummated on the anticipated terms, that the supplies, equipment, personnel, permits, and local community approvals required to conduct the Company's planned pre-production and development activities will be available on reasonable terms, that the Company will be able to comply with the delivery and other obligations in the Agreement, that the contemplated Company owned processing facility will, if acquired or constructed, achieve the expected benefits, that results of exploration activities will be consistent with management's expectations and that the Company will not experience any material accident, labour dispute, or failure of equipment and with respect to the planned mining operations at Invicta; that pre-production mine development can be completed in the time and for the cost projected; that the Company will be able to obtain funding for planned production expenses; that mineralization on the Invicta project will be of the grades and in the locations expected; that the Company will be able to extract and transport mineralized rock efficiently and sell the mineralized rock at the prices and in the manner and quantities expected; that permits will be received on the terms and timeline expected and that other regulatory or permitting issues will not arise; that mining methods can be employed in the manner and at the costs expected and that such methods yield the results the Company expects them to. However, forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include, among others: all of the risks described in this news release; failure of the PLI financing to complete on the proposed terms or at all, including due to the Company's inability to complete the conditions precedent, the risk that the contemplated Company owned processing facility will not be completed or will not achieve the expected benefits, the risk that actual results of exploration and development activities will be different than anticipated; that the Company will not be able to comply with the delivery or other obligations in the Agreement and the risk that PLI will enforce its security over the Company's assets, including its mineral properties; that cost of labour, equipment or materials will increase more than expected; that the future price of gold will decline; that the Canadian dollar will strengthen against the U.S. dollar; that mineral resources are not as estimated; unexpected variations in mineral resources, grade or recovery rates; risks related to shipping mineralized rock; the risk that local mills cannot or will not buy or process mineralized rock from the planned production for the prices expected or at all; risk of accidents, labour disputes and other risks generally associated with mineral exploration; unanticipated delays in obtaining or failure to obtain community, governmental or regulatory approvals or financing; and all of the risks generally associated with the development of mining facilities and the operation of a producing mine, as well as the risks described in the Company's annual information form, which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to not be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information due to the inherent uncertainty thereof. Lupaka Gold does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required by applicable securities laws. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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