

ISS Recommends Golden Queen Shareholders Vote FOR the Transaction

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VANCOUVER, May 2, 2019 - Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd. (TSX: GQM, OTCQX: GQMNF) ("Golden Queen" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS"), a leading independent proxy advisory firm, has recommended that shareholders vote FOR the Transaction Resolution.

The proxy circular mailed to shareholders in connection with the shareholder meeting includes a proposal to approve a resolution for the sale of 100% of the shares of Golden Queen Mining Holdings Inc., which currently holds a 50% ownership interest in the Soledad Mountain Project, pursuant to the terms of an agreement dated February 7, 2019 between the Company and certain purchasers as described in the proxy circular (the "Transaction").

ISS is an independent, third party, proxy advisory firm who, among other services, provides proxy voting recommendations to pension funds, investment managers, mutual funds and other institutional shareholders.

ISS stated "A vote FOR the proposal is warranted, given the substantial doubt as to whether the company can continue to meet its obligations under the terms of the transaction. The transaction will provide immediate liquidity in the form of debt forgiveness, ownership cancellation, and cash worth approximately \$37.2 million." The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 2019.

We remind shareholders that the cut-off for voting is 10:00 a.m. (Pacific time) on May 9, 2019.

HOW TO VOTE

Registered shareholders (those who hold shares in their name and represented by a physical certificate or through the Electronic Shareholder Registration System) may vote by mail, internet, telephone or in person at the Annual General and Special Meeting. In order to ensure that your vote is counted, shareholders are encouraged to vote via the internet or by telephone as follows:

Internet: vote online at www.investorvote.com, using the control number located on your proxy (which you received in the mail)

Telephone: Call 1-866-732-VOTE (8683) toll free

Beneficial shareholders (those who hold shares through a bank, broker or other intermediary) will have different voting instructions provided to them and should follow the instructions found on their voting instruction form.

Internet: vote online at www.proxyvote.com, using the control number located on your voting instruction form (which you received in the mail)

Telephone: Call the number provided on your voting instruction form.

Shareholders who have questions or have not received their proxy or voting instruction form may contact the Company's Shareholder Services Agent:

Laurel Hill Advisory Group

Toll free: 1-877-452-7184 or 416-304-0211 (Collect Outside North America)

Email: assistance@laurelhill.com

Shareholders are encouraged to review the Company's management information circular dated April 10, 2019 which provides additional information on the Transaction.

details of the Meeting to be held at 2300- 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC on May 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. (Pac

A copy of the Circular and related documents have been mailed to the Company's shareholders. Copies of the Circular documents can be obtained via SEDAR (www.sedar.com) or by contacting Laurel Hill Advisory Group toll-free at 1-877 or at 416-304-0211 or by email at assistance@laurelhill.com.

Shareholder participation at this Meeting is very important and the Board encourages all shareholders to vote their pro

About Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd.:

Golden Queen is a gold and silver producer holding a 50% interest in an open pit, heap leach mining operation on the Silver Mountain property, located just outside the town of Mojave in Kern County in southern California. The mine also produces aggregate rock.

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