Guyana Goldfields Inc. announces that Scott Caldwell is stepping down as President and CEO; Allen Palmiere Appointed Interim CEO

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TORONTO, July 30, 2019 - Guyana Goldfields Inc. (TSX:GUY) (the "Company") announces that, effective at the close of business on July 31, 2019, Scott Caldwell will step down as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company. Mr. Caldwell joined the Company as a director in 2012 and has been President and CEO since 2013. Mr. Caldwell was instrumental in building the Company's Aurora mine on time and on budget.

"I want to thank the entire Guyana Goldfields' team and the Board of Directors for their support as we developed the Aurora Gold Mine over the last few years. I look forward to supporting the company as a shareholder and remain confident in the long term future of the Aurora mine," stated Scott Caldwell.

Allen Palmiere will assume leadership of the Company as Interim Chief Executive Officer, effective at the close of business on July 31, 2019. Mr. Palmiere brings over 35 years of operational and financial experience in the mining industry as well as extensive experience in senior executive and leadership roles. Of particular importance is Allen's experience with mine production activities, having formerly held the position of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of HudBay Minerals Inc.

"Allen Palmiere is an experienced and strong leader, who will lead the Company while the independent committee completes its search for a permanent CEO," stated René Marion, Non-Executive Chair of the Board of Directors. "Our focus remains on optimizing the mine plan for the Aurora Gold Mine, maximizing operational efficiencies, and continuing with the permitting and development of the underground mine at Aurora."

"The Company has faced some challenges over the last year, and I am confident that the future will demonstrate the value of this asset and it is my pleasure to help in some small way until we complete our search for a permanent CEO," stated Allen Palmiere, Independent Director.

About Guyana Goldfields Inc.:

<u>Guyana Goldfields Inc.</u> is a Canadian based mid-tier gold producer primarily focused on the exploration, development and operation of gold deposits in Guyana, South America.

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