

Novo Completes Malmsbury Option Exercise with GBM Resources Limited

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VANCOUVER, May 13, 2021 - [Novo Resources Corp.](#) ("Novo" or the "Company") (TSX: NVO & NVO.WT; OTCQX: NSRPF) is pleased to advise that it has completed its option exercise to earn a 50% interest in the Malmsbury gold project (the "Malmsbury Project") held by ASX-listed GBM Resources Limited (ASX: GBZ) ("GBM") following the satisfaction of all conditions precedent, including receipt of Australian Foreign Investment Review Board approval (refer to the Company's news releases dated March 30, 2020, September 24, 2020, and January 15, 2021 for further details).

"We are thrilled to complete our option exercise at Malmsbury," commented Dr. Quinton Hennigh, Chairman and President of Novo. "We see Malmsbury as a Fosterville analogue given its similar position along the eastern margin of the prolific Bendigo Zone, epizonal orogenic setting and historic high-grade gold production. Our geologic team will pursue aggressive field work over the next few months with the goal of developing drill targets for testing later this year."

Novo has issued 1,575,387 common shares (the "Option Shares") to GBM as consideration for the exercise of the option. The Option Shares are subject to a statutory hold period expiring on September 14, 2021. The Company has also reimbursed GBM for AUD \$250,000-worth of exploration expenditures on the Malmsbury Project, with such reimbursed amount being credited against the Earn-In Amount (defined below).

Novo now has the right to earn an additional 10% interest in the Malmsbury Project and form a joint venture with GBM by incurring AUD \$5 million in exploration expenditure (the "Earn-In Amount") over a four-year period (the "Earn-In Period"), as to a minimum of AUD \$1 million during the first year, and AUD \$1.25 million in each subsequent year, of the Earn-In Period. Any expenditure incurred during any year of the Earn-In Period which surpasses the minimum required amount will be credited against the subsequent year's commitment. If Novo does not satisfy the Earn-In Amount during the Earn-In Period, Novo's interest in the Malmsbury Project will decrease to 49%.

If Novo satisfies the Earn-In Amount during the Earn-In Period and delivers to GBM written notice of its election to increase its interest in the Malmsbury Project to an aggregate 60% interest and initiate a joint venture with GBM (the date on which such notice is given being the "Joint Venture Date"), GBM will be required to elect to (i) retain its 40% interest in the Malmsbury Project by contributing to 40% of exploration and development expenditure incurred subsequent to the Joint Venture Date, or (ii) dilute its interest in the Malmsbury Project to 25% upon delivery by Novo of a preliminary economic assessment (the "PEA") disclosing at least a 1 million ounce gold resource on the land covering the Malmsbury Project, of which at least 60% must be in the Indicated classification, within 3 years from the Joint Venture Date. In such case, Novo will pay all development expenditure incurred commencing from the Joint Venture Date, but if a decision to mine is made, GBM will reimburse Novo as to 25% of any such development expenditure from a maximum of 80% of Malmsbury Project cash flows.

Novo and GBM have also executed a royalty arrangement whereby, subsequent to a decision to mine (if made), GBM is entitled to receive a maximum 2.5% net smelter returns royalty (the "Maximum Royalty"). The Malmsbury Project is encumbered by certain pre-existing royalties; where such an encumbrance is present, GBM will only be entitled to an adjusted royalty, being the Maximum Royalty less any pre-existing royalty amount.

Dr. Quinton Hennigh (P.Geo.) is the qualified person pursuant to NI 43-101 responsible for, and having reviewed and approved, the technical information contained in this news release. Dr. Hennigh is the president, chairman and a director of Novo.

About Novo Resources Corp.

Novo is commissioning its flagship Beatons Creek gold project while exploring and developing its highly prospective land package covering approximately 14,000 square kilometres in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. In addition to the Company's primary focus, Novo seeks to leverage its internal geological expertise to deliver value-accretive opportunities to its shareholders. For more information, please contact Leo Karabelas at (416) 543-3120 or e-mail leo@novoresources.com

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

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"Quinton Hennigh"

Quinton Hennigh
President and Chairman

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