

Pasofino Gold Ltd. Announces Closing of Non-Brokered Private Placement

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For Gross Proceeds of Approximately US\$5.2 Million of Which Approximately US\$4.5 Million Was a Strategic Investment from Esan Eczacibasi Endustriyel Hammaddeler Sanayi Ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi

Toronto, Jan. 17, 2022 - [Pasofino Gold Ltd.](#) (TSXV: VEIN) (OTCQB: EFRGF) (FSE: N07A) ("Pasofino" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed its non-brokered private placement (announced December 6th, 2021) of common shares at \$0.70 (or US\$0.55) per share for gross proceeds of approximately US\$5.2 million (the "Offering"). Approximately US\$4.5 million of the Offering (being 8,220,626 Common Shares) has been subscribed for by ESAN, a leading Turkish mining company. ESAN has been granted the right to nominate one director to the Board of the Company and a right to maintain its shareholding interest in the Company should the Company raise additional funds in the future by way of private placement or prospectus offering. Pasofino will use the proceeds from the Offering to advance its earn-in into the Dugbe Gold Project and working capital.

All Common Shares issued pursuant to the Offering are subject to a four month and one day hold period after the closing day. The Offering closed in three tranches, the 3,512,198 Common Shares issued pursuant to the first closing are subject to a hold period expiring on April 16, 2022, the 1,257,295 Common Shares issued pursuant to the second closing are subject to a hold period expiring on April 18, 2022, and the 4,708,428 Common Shares issued pursuant to the final closing are subject to a hold period expiring on May 14, 2022.

Ian Stalker, CEO, commented:

"We are pleased to close this financing with receipt of the remaining strategic investment from ESAN. This further confirms our view that the Dugbe project is high quality, with the potential to become a major gold producer within the industry. We look forward to the completion of the feasibility study which will highlight the significant upside that exists at Dugbe given the close proximity to port, the large land package, the high-grade zones, and continued positive relationships with stakeholders in Liberia."

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Scientific or technical information in this disclosure that relates to exploration results was prepared and approved by Mr. Andrew Pedley. Mr. Pedley is a full-time consultant of [Pasofino Gold Ltd.](#)'s wholly-owned subsidiary ARX Resources Limited. He is a member in good standing with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) and is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101.

About the Dugbe Gold Project

The 2,559 km² Dugbe Project is located in southern Liberia and situated within the south westmost part of the Birimian Supergroup, which is host to the majority of West African gold deposits. To date, two gold deposits have been identified on the Project; Dugbe F and Tuzon. Both deposits outcrop at surface and may be amenable to open-cut mining. The deposits are located within 4 km of the Dugbe Shear Zone which is thought to have played a role in large scale gold mineralization in the area. A large amount of exploration in

the area was conducted by Hummingbird including 74,497 m of diamond coring. 70,700 m of this was at the Dugbe F and Tuzon deposits, discovered by Hummingbird in 2009 and 2011 respectively. In 2020 and 2021 Pasofino drilled a further 14,638 m mostly at Dugbe F and Tuzon. Pasofino is well underway with a feasibility study for gold production from these deposits. In addition, there are a number of gold targets within the Project. In 2019, Hummingbird signed a 25-year Mineral Development Agreement ("MDA") with the Government of Liberia providing the necessary long-term framework and stabilization of taxes and duties. Under the terms of the MDA, the royalty rate on gold production is 3%, the income tax rate payable is 25% (with credit given for historic exploration expenditures), the fuel duty is reduced by 50%, and the Government of Liberia is granted a free carried interest of 10% in the Project.

About Pasofino Gold Ltd.

[Pasofino Gold Ltd.](#) is a Canadian-based mineral exploration company listed on the TSX-V (VEIN). Pasofino, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, has an option to earn a 49% economic interest (prior to the issuance of the Government of Liberia's 10% carried interest) in the Dugbe Gold Project.

About ESAN

Established in 1978, Esan Eczacibasi Endustriyel Hammaddeler Sanayi ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi ("ESAN") is the world's largest producer of sodium feldspar, Europe's leading producer of industrial minerals, and Turkey's foremost industrial mineral and metallic mineral producer and exporter.

ESAN's mission is to explore, process and add value to natural resources in a responsible manner towards people, the environment and the future of the world, and to offer these products globally. ESAN currently operates 40 quarries and nine processing plants that collectively produce 3.5 million tons of high-quality raw materials, including feldspar, quartz, kaolin, ball clay; 135,000 tons of zinc, lead concentrate, and, since 2020, copper concentrate and gold ingots.

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