

Mako Mining Corp. Completes Acquisition of Moss Mine in Arizona

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[Mako Mining Corp.](#) ("Mako") (TSXV:MKO)(OTCQX:MAKOF) is pleased to announce that, further to its press releases dated December 31st, 2024 and February 24th, 2025, it has completed the acquisition of the Moss gold mine located in the historic Oatman District in Arizona.

The acquisition was completed pursuant to the terms of an interest purchase agreement dated March 26th, 2025, between Mako US Corp. as buyer, Wexford EG Acquisition LLC as vendor, EG Acquisition LLC ("EGA") as target and Mako as buyer guarantor, pursuant to which Mako US acquired 100% of the ownership interests in EGA, a recently created private company controlled by Mako's controlling shareholder, Wexford Capital LP (collectively with its managed funds, "Wexford"), that acquired 100% of the shares of Golden Vertex Corp. ("GVC"), the operating subsidiary of the Moss mine, under a CCAA proceeding and related Chapter 15 proceeding in the United States (the "Bankruptcy Process") on December 31st, 2024.

The aggregate purchase price for the acquisition was US\$6.49 million, paid in cash, reflecting Wexford's approximate acquisition and closing costs of US\$4.9 million plus US\$1.59 million of equity contributions made by Wexford to cover initial operational costs at the beginning of January 2025. This equates to the approximate cost basis of EGA's investment in GVC. Since December 31st, 2024, a total of 1,593 ounces of gold and 11,023 ounces of silver have been produced for a value of approximately US\$4.8 million, generating net cash of approximately US\$3.0 million. Furthermore, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company has agreed to release approximately US\$1.5 million of the US\$3.0 million held as collateral for various environmental bonds held at the Moss Mine. The two aforementioned cash inflows have effectively reduced Mako's net cash acquisition cost to approximately US\$2.0 million, which is a small fraction of Mako's current monthly cash flow.

No purchase price adjustments were made in connection with the settlement of the royalty disputes that arose in connection with the Bankruptcy Process, involving the 1% net smelter return royalty at the Moss mine held by affiliates of [Sandstorm Gold Ltd.](#) and the 3% net smelter return royalty at the Moss mine held by [Patriot Gold Corp.](#), which are still before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona.

Akiba Leisman, CEO states that: "Mako now adds a producing asset located in a top tier jurisdiction to its portfolio of mineral properties purchased with a small fraction of cash flow from our operations. The Moss mine has continued to produce gold through its beneficiation facilities, with mining having been recently restarted after a temporary suspension at the beginning of the Bankruptcy Process. Over the course of the next few months we will continue to debottleneck the mine to take full advantage of record high gold prices".

Mako currently operates the high-grade San Albino mine in northern Nicaragua and owns the Eagle Mountain project in Guyana.

Related Party Transaction

As the acquisition transaction completed by Mako involved Mako's controlling shareholder, Wexford, the transaction is considered a related party transaction for Mako within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101- Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). As a result, the Board of Directors of Mako appointed, and approved the transaction upon the recommendations of, a special committee of independent directors which assisted in the evaluation, negotiation and supervision of all matters relating to the acquisition transaction. The transaction did not have any impact on the percentage of securities of Mako beneficially owned or controlled by Wexford. Pursuant to Section 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101, Mako was exempt from obtaining a formal valuation and minority approval of its shareholders for the transaction on the basis that the fair market value of the transaction was below 25% of Mako's market capitalization, as determined in accordance with MI 61-101.

About Mako

Mako Mining Corp. is a publicly listed gold mining, development and exploration company. Mako operates the high-grade San Albino gold mine in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, which ranks as one of the highest-grade open pit gold mines globally. Mako also owns the Eagle Mountain Gold project in Guyana, South America.

For further information about Mako, please contact Akiba Leisman, Chief Executive Officer, at (917) 558-5289 or aleisman@makominer.com, or visit our website at www.makominer.com and our profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

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