Argonaut Gold Shareholders and Alio Gold Securityholders Approve Merger to Create North American Diversified Intermediate Gold Producer

TORONTO, Ontario and VANCOUVER, British Columbia – May 20, 2020 – Argonaut Gold Inc. ("**Argonaut**" or "**Argonaut Gold**") (TSX: AR) and Alio Gold Inc. ("**Alio"** or **"Alio Gold**") (TSX, NYSE-A: ALO) are pleased to announce that Argonaut shareholders and shareholders and certain securityholders of Alio approved all matters voted on at their respective annual general and special meetings held earlier today, including approving the transaction announced on March 30, 2020 to combine companies, creating a diversified, North American intermediate gold producer.

Argonaut Gold Voting Results

The merger with Alio was approved by 99.81% of the votes cast by Argonaut shareholders, with shareholders holding 106,837,086 shares or 59.13% of the outstanding shares of Argonaut present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting.

All matters presented for approval at the Argonaut Gold Annual and Special Meeting by management were duly authorized and approved, as follows:

Resolution	Votes For	Votes Against
Number of Directors	94,931,839 (99.75%)	239,410 (0.25%)
Appointment of Auditors	106,319,977 (99.57%)	457,789 (0.43%)
Say on Pay Advisory Vote	93,958,523 (98.73%)	1,212,726 (1.27%)
Share Incentive Plan	93,956,853 (98.72%)	1,214,396 (1.28%)
Share Issuance (Alio transaction)	94,991,350 (99.81%)	179,899 (0.19%)

Detailed voting results regarding the election of directors are as follows:

Name	Outcome of Vote	Shares Voted For	Shares Withheld
James E. Kofman	Elected	94,635,518	535,731

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		(99.44%)	(0.56%)
Peter C. Dougherty	Elected	94,879,997 (99.69%)	291,252 (0.31%)
Christopher R. Lattanzi	Elected	91,908,119 (96.57%)	3,263,130 (3.43%)
Peter Mordaunt	Elected	94,712,726 (99.52%)	458,523 (0.48%)
Dale C. Peniuk	Elected	94,491,116 (99.29%)	680,133 (0.71%)
Audra B. Walsh	Elected	94,864,918 (99.68%)	306,331 (0.32%)
Ian Atkinson	Elected	94,719,123 (99.52%)	452,126 (0.48%)

Alio Gold Voting Results

The merger with Argonaut was approved by 99.39% of the votes cast by Alio shareholders and 99.47% of the votes cast by Alio shareholders and holders of Alio options, Alio PSUs, Alio RSUs and Alio DSUs, voting on a "post-conversion" basis as a single class with the Alio shareholders, shareholders holding 43,798,595 shares or 56.75% of the outstanding shares of Alio and securityholders holding 54,710,524 securities or 58.62% of the outstanding options, PSUs, RSUs and DSUs of Alio, present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting.

All matters presented for approval at the Alio Gold Annual and Special Meeting by management were duly authorized and approved, as follows:

Resolution	Votes For	Votes Against
Appointment of Auditors	48,418,901 (99.22%)	379,694 (0.78%)
Approval of Arrangement by Shareholders (Argonaut transaction)	37,425,368 (99.39%)	229,562 (0.61%)
Approval of Arrangement by Securityholders (Alio Shareholders, Alio optionholders, Alio PSU holder, Alio RSU holders and Alio DSU holders)	43,337,297 (99.47%)	229,562 (0.53%)

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Mark D. Backens	Elected	37,180,406 (98.74%)	474,524 (1.26%)
Stephen Lang	Elected	37,058,351 (98.42%)	596,579 (1.58%)
Paula Rogers	Elected	37,142,591 (98.64%)	512,339 (1.36%)
George Brack	Elected	37,067,014 (98.44%)	587,916 (1.56%)
John Mansanti	Elected	37,073,454 (98.46%)	581,476 (1.54%)
David Whittle	Elected	37,133,490 (98.62%)	521,440 (1.38%)

On closing of the transaction, Argonaut and Alio shareholders will own approximately 76% and 24% of the merged company, respectively, on an issued share basis. The merged company will continue as Argonaut Gold with the ticker symbol AR on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX). The closing of the transaction is subject to standard conditions precedent for a merger transaction, including approval of the transaction by the British Columbia Supreme Court and receipt by Argonaut and Alio of all required regulatory and government approvals, and is expected to close in June.

About Argonaut

Argonaut Gold is a Canadian gold company engaged in exploration, mine development and production. Its primary assets are the El Castillo mine and San Agustin mine, which together form the El Castillo Complex in Durango, Mexico and the La Colorada mine in Sonora, Mexico. Advanced exploration projects include the Cerro del Gallo project in Guanajuato, Mexico and the Magino project in Ontario, Canada. The Company continues to hold the San Antonio advanced exploration project in Baja California Sur, Mexico and several exploration stage projects, all of which are located in North America.

About Alio

Alio Gold is a gold mining company. We are focused on the safe and profitable production of gold from our cornerstone asset, the 100% owned Florida Canyon Mine in Nevada, USA. The Company also owns the development stage Ana Paula Project in Guerrero, Mexico.

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Factors that could cause actual results to vary materially from results anticipated by such forward-looking statements include risks of the mining industry, the spread of COVID-19 and the impact of government policies to ameliorate COVID-19, failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, changes in market conditions, variations in ore grade or recovery rates, risks relating to international operations, fluctuating metal prices and currency exchange rates, changes in project parameters, the possibility of project cost overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses and labour disputes.

These factors are discussed in greater detail in Argonaut's and Alio's (i) most recent Annual Information Forms, and (ii) most recent Management Discussion and Analysis, which are each filed on Argonaut's and Alio's respective SEDAR profiles and provide additional general assumptions in connection with these statements. Argonaut and Alio caution that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Investors and others who base themselves on

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Neither Argonaut nor Alio undertakes any obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's estimates or opinions should change except as required by applicable securities laws. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Statements concerning mineral reserve and resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking statements to the extent they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed. Comparative market information is as of a date prior to the date of this document.

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