

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# SOLGOLD PLC & CORNERSTONE TO MERGE

The Board of Directors of DGR Global Limited (**ASX:DGR**, **the company**) are pleased to announce that SolGold Plc (LSE:SOLG; TSX:SOLG) (**SolGold**) and Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc. (TSXV:CGP; OTC:CTNXF; FWB:GWN1) (**Cornerstone**) have agreed to merge on the basis of 15 SolGold shares per Cornerstone share.

Details of the Agreement are contained in the joint SolGold / Cornerstone announcement released to the London Stock Exchange on 07 October 2022 (please refer to link).

DGR Global's Managing Director & CEO Nick Mather is a Non-Executive Director and Founder of SolGold. DGR Global holds 204,151,800 million shares in SolGold, representing 8.89% of SolGold. DGR Global's shareholding in SolGold is DGR's largest asset on a marked to market basis.

Under Mr Mather's executive direction, the company discovered the Cascabel copper-gold porphyry Project, securing an impressive tenure over 14 copper-gold porphyry exploration projects, in Ecuador.

The Cascabel Project was the subject of a PFS (Pre-Feasibility Study) released by SolGold to the London Stock Exchange on 20 April 2022 (<u>please refer to link</u>). The PFS demonstrated an estimated after-tax Net Present Value of US\$2.9Billion on pre-production Capital Expenditure of US\$2.7Billion with a 25.3% Internal Rate of Return and annual cash generation of greater than US\$1.3Billion in first 5 years (<u>please refer link</u>) from achieving nameplate capacity (further updates are expected).

### The Merger Agreement Provides for

- The issue of 15 SolGold shares for each Cornerstone share subject to an option at SolGold election to pay 20% of the consideration as cash.
- Appointment of two (2) nominees to the SolG Board of Directors.
- Approval by two-thirds of the votes cast by the shareholders of Cornerstone and a majority of the votes cast by disinterested shareholders at a special meeting of Cornerstone shareholders.
- All Cornerstone Directors, executive officers and certain shareholders, collectively representing 44.1% of the Cornerstone Shares, have entered into voting support agreements with SolGold agreeing, among other things, to vote their Cornerstone Shares in favour of the Transaction (please refer to link).



- A strategic review, with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Maxit Capital LP appointed as financial advisor to assist with creating alternatives for the Combined Group and the Cascabel Project, with a view to maximising value for SolGold shareholders.
- Provision for amendments to implement an exchangeable share structure to allow eligible Canadian Cornerstone shareholders to receive a tax-deferred roll-over under the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- Customary deal protection in favour of SolGold.

Cornerstone, which currently holds an entitlement to a 15% interest in Cascabel, is strongly supportive of the proposed merger with Cornerstone.

### In DGR's opinion the merger will

- Consolidate and simplify the ownership structure of the Cascabel Project.
- Allow for representation of Cornerstone shareholders on the SolGold Board.
- Provide SolGold with access to Cornerstone's other projects.
- Facilitate enhanced corporate attention on SolGold.

## DGR Global MD & CEO Nick Mather commented on the announcement of the SolGold merger with Cornerstone:

"DGR Global is strongly supportive and welcomes the normalising of the Cascabel ownership and Board representation in SolGold.

DGR Global looks forward to the restoration of shareholder value as a result of the merger and outcomes pursuant to the strategic review process".

This ASX Announcement was authorised by the Board of Directors

### Geoff Walker | Company Secretary

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DGR Global's business is the creation of resource exploration development and mining companies. The business uses the skills of a core team of talented geoscientists to identify resource projects capable of yielding world class discoveries of attractive commodities.

This is achieved through:

- The identification of commodities with a favourable 20-year price outlook.
- Geological terranes with:
  - A demonstrated strong endowment for that commodity.
  - An under-explored history.
  - Opportunity for the application of recently developed exploration techniques.
  - Jurisdictions with improving socio-economic and regulatory frameworks.
  - Extensive available tenures.

DGR provides initial seed funding and management support to secure assets in subsidiaries and develop these assets to more advanced funding stages. The Company has a pipeline of projects in daughter companies at various stages of emergence, and in 2015 crystalised a significant return through the sale of its 15% holding in Orbis Gold for \$26million. Further development of its holdings in LSE and TSX-listed SolGold, ASX-listed Clara Resources, New Peak Metals and Armour Energy and unlisted Auburn Resources and Armour Energy Uganda, are expected over the coming years.

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