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### Managem Group completes the previously announced partnership with Wanbao Mining Group for the development of the large-scale gold mining projects in Sudan.

As communicated in the Managem Group ("Managem") press release dated 1 February 2021, in line with its strategy to develop its investments on a pan-African scale and to consolidate its presence in Sudan, Managem Group entered into a second cooperation partnership with Wanbao Mining Group ("Wanbao Mining") for the development of a large-scale gold mining project in Sudan ("Partnership"). Managem is pleased to report that all key conditions have now been finalized with the Partnership being effective.

Under the terms of the Partnership, Managem will retain 65% ownership (excluding any interest attributable to the government of Sudan) in the exploitation and exploration license – Block 15 and the associated Gabgaba gold mine and expansion project, as well as exploration licenses, being Blocks 9 and 24, with Wanbao Mining owning the remaining 35%. In addition, Managem will own a 35% stake in the exploration licenses Blocks 64 a-b-c and 66 a-b-c currently owned by Wanbao Mining. Through this Partnership, Managem and Wanbao Mining will be aiming to :

- **Expand the existing Gabgaba operation**

The Gabgaba (Block 15) expansion project assumes an increase in annual gold production from approximately 60.000 to 200.000 Oz with an estimated capital expenditure of approximately 250 M USD.

Both partners intend to deliver definitive feasibility study in order to expand Gabgaba gold mine within 3 years. Managem will remain the operator of Gabgaba mine and project. As part of its commitments under the terms of the Partnership Wanbao Mining will be providing the requisite assistance in securing up to 70% of the project funding.

- **Develop new projects within the existing exploration licenses**

The goal of the Partnership is to capitalize on the vast untapped exploration potential embedded within the existing licenses and develop another gold mining operation within 3 years with projects ultimately owned on joint, 50/50 basis. Wanbao Mining has agreed to fund up to 30 M USD of exploration and evaluation expenditures, and to conduct the exploration work as the operator with co-management of Managem on the licenses subject to the Partnership.

- **Cooperate and grow the presence in Sudan**

Managem has a long-standing track record of successful operatorship and presence in Sudan and the newly established Partnership with an experienced and committed partner, such as Wanbao Mining, provides an even stronger base for future growth in gold production within and beyond the existing licenses of both partners in the country with unparalleled untouched potential.

Imad TOUMI, Chairman and CEO of Managem, stated:

*« Today, we give new impetus to our growth strategy in Sudan by bringing forward the development of a large-scale gold project in Block 15, with target production of 200.000 Oz per year in the medium-term, in addition to strengthen our exploration efforts for a new mining project in the other Blocs.*

*I am convinced that this new strategic cooperation, based on trust and mutual respect, will have positive impact on both our companies and will lead to a multi-million ounce gold mining operation Sudan. »*

Scotiabank acted as financial advisor and Naciri & Associés Allen & Overy acted as legal counsel to Managem Group in connection with formation of the Partnership.

#### ABOUT MANAGEM

Managem is an industrial mining group with over 90 years of history of operating a diversified metals portfolio. The group is present across the complete mining business cycle from exploration to commodity sales. Managem employs 5660 people and operates in 9 African countries including Morocco. Managem is majority-held by AL-MADA, a pan African private equity fund. Since its creation, Managem strives to create shared-value with its stakeholders, under the aegis of its reference shareholder, Al Mada, leading pan-African fund whose purpose is "Positive impact".

#### ABOUT WANBAO MINING

Wanbao Mining is an international mining group based in Beijing, employing more than 5.000 people. The company operates several copper, copper-cobalt mines in 4 countries in Southeast Asia and Africa, including two copper projects in Myanmar, two copper-cobalt projects in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Wanbao Mining also holds one Platinum-Palladium project in Zimbabwe and six exploration blocks in Sudan.

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