

# **Condor Gold plc**

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# Condor Gold plc ("Condor" or "the Company")

## Revised Terms to Acquire the Espinito-Mendoza Concession

Condor (AIM:CNR), is pleased to announce, with reference to its announcements of 24 August 2011 and 12 December 2011, that it has successfully re-negotiated the terms to acquire 100% of the Espinito Mendoza Concession (the "Concession") in the heart of La India Project, Nicaragua. The revised terms end a dispute between the sellers of the Espinito-Mendoza Concession and the Company as detailed in Condor's interim report and accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The resolution allows the Company to advance the Concession on terms acceptable to the Company.

# Highlights:

- Revised terms to acquire 100% of the 200 hectare Espinito-Mendoza Concession at the heart of La India Project settle a dispute on improved terms and allows progress of the Concession on terms acceptable to Condor.
- Espinito-Mendoza Concession hosts a NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resource Estimate of 908kt at 6.66g/t for 208,000 oz gold and a Soviet classified Mineral Resource of 1,442kt at 13.03g/t gold for 513,492 oz gold.
- The enlarged Mestiza Vein Set includes epithermal gold veins on the Espinito Mendoza Concession and the surrounding La India Concession and has a NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resource of 1,490kt at 7.47g/t for 333,000 oz gold and a Soviet classified Mineral Resource of 2,392kt at 10.21g/t for 785,684 oz gold.
- The Mestiza Vein Set is excluded from Condor's PFS and PEAs and has potential to increase NI 43-101 compliant resources, reserves and gold mineral production from La India Project
- Micon International produced a report in February 1998 stating: "It is Micon's opinion that La Mestiza is a property of merit, with good potential to become a small (500 to 800tpd), low cost mine."

#### Mark Child CEO comments:

"I am pleased, after many months of negotiation, to have settled a dispute over the purchase of the high grade Espinito-Mendoza Concession, which clears the way to advance the Concession and convert more of the Soviet classified resource on the Mestiza Vein Set of 2,392kt at 10.21g/t for 785,684 oz gold to western standards. The Mestiza Vein set hosts a NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate of 1,490kt at 7.47g/t for 333,000 oz gold. In our experience, the Soviet GKZ classified resources on La India Project have generally converted to western standards upon tighter drill spacing and verification drilling of the previous drill holes. It is some comfort that Micon International's 1998 report on the Concession concluded that the property has good potential to

become a small (500 to 800tpd), low cost mine. The Mestiza Vein Set is excluded from the Whittle Enterprise Optimisation of the PFS and PEA studies, which detailed 4 production scenarios ranging from 91,000 to 165,000 oz gold production per annum. We remain convinced that La India Project hosts a substantial gold field with considerable upside potential."

# Background

Condor and Empresa Minera La Mestiza S.A. ("Mestiza"), together (the 'Parties") executed an Agreement on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 to transfer 100% of the Concession to Condor's wholly owned Nicaraguan subsidiary, Condor S.A. for a consideration of US\$1,625,000 spread over 36 months payable in cash and shares. (the "Original Agreement"). Condor has paid US\$1,155,000 of this consideration and US\$470,000 is due. A dispute arose over the transfer of clean surface rights on the Concession to Condor, a 5,000m drill commitment by the Company and a bonus to be paid to Mestiza on a Mineral Reserve estimation on the Concession

#### **The Agreed Settlement**

Condor has made a cash payment of US\$30,000 to Mestiza, a further cash payment (the "Further Payment") of US\$470,000 is due by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016. Additional payments of US\$10,000 per month are payable for 20 months commencing 30 days after the Further Payment. Mestiza remains entitled to a 2.25% NSR on mineral extraction from the Concession, but not a bonus on reserve estimation. Both were part of the Original Agreement. Condor is not obligated to conduct a 5,000m drilling programme and assumes responsibility to clean up the surface rights.

### Geology

The Espinito Mendoza Concession covers a rectangular 2 sq km area containing one of the highest concentrations of epithermal veins on La India Project. It is located at the heart of La India Project in the middle of Condor's wholly owned La India Concession. See Figure 1. As elsewhere in the District, the gold is low sulphidation epithermal mineralisation contained within quartz veins, breccias, stockwork zones and fault gouge clay, hosted by a Tertiary felsic to andesitic volcanic sequence. The gold mineralisation is open along strike and to depth.

#### **Mineral Resource Estimates**

A Soviet back exploration campaign estimated a Soviet GKZ mineral resource of 1,422k tonnes at 13.03g/t gold for 513,492 oz gold on the Concession. See table 1 below. SRK Consulting (UK) Limited converted the Soviet mineral resource estimate to 980k tonnes at 6.66g/t gold for 208,000 oz gold. See Table 2 below:

Table 1 Espinito-Mendoza Concession Soviet GKZ Resource Estimate

Soviet GKZ mineral resource estimate (1991) Espinito Mendoza concession				
Vein	Category	Tons (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Au (oz)
Espinito	C1,C2,P1	237	9.83	85,199
Buenos Aires	C2, P1	317	16.80	171,489
Tatiana	C2,P1	887	9.00	256,804
TOTAL		1,442	13.03	513,492

Table 2 Espinito Mendoza Concession NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate

SRK NI-43-101 resource estimate (30-09-2014) Espinito Mendoza concession				
Vein	Category	Tons (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Au (oz)
Espinito	Inferred	200	7.70	50,000
Buenos Aires	Inferred	210	8.00	53,000
Tatiana	Inferred	570	5.80	105,000
TOTAL		980	6.66	208,000

The Mestiza Vein Set is defined as the area of the Espinito Mendoza Concession including veins that overlap the surrounding La India Concession. A Soviet backed exploration campaign estimated a Soviet style mineral resource of 2,392k tonnes at 10.21g/t gold for 785,694 oz gold. See Table 3 below. SRK Consulting (UK) Limited converted the Soviet mineral resource estimate to an NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate of 1,490k tonnes at 7.47g/t gold for 333,000 oz gold. See table 4 below.

Table 3 Mestiza Vein Set Soviet GKZ Mineral Resource Estimate

Soviet GKZ mineral resource estimate (1991)				
Vein	Category	Tons (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Au (oz)
Espinito	C1,C2,P1	353	9.83	112,013
San Pablo	P1	39	12.20	15,338
Buenos Aires Jicaro	C2, P1	317	16.80	171,489
Tatiana (Espinito Mendoza)	C2,P1	887	9.00	256,804
Tatiana (La India)	C2,P2	795	9.00	230,051
TOTAL		2,392	10.21	785,694

Table 4 Mestiza Vein Set NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate

SRK NI-43-101 resource estimate (30-09-2014)				
Vein	Category	Tons (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Au (oz)
Espinito	Inferred	200	7.70	50,000
Buenos Aires Jicaro	Inferred	210	8.00	53,000
Tatiana (Espinito Mendoza)	Inferred	570	5.80	105,000
Tatiana (La India)	Inferred	510	7.60	125,000
TOTAL		1,490	7.47	333,000

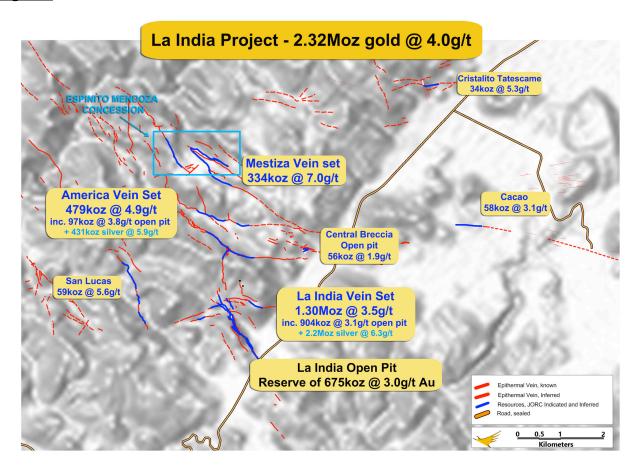
# **Historical Mining**

Of the four principle veins, Tatiana, Espinito, Jicaro and Buenos Aires (sub-divided into the offset and overlapping Buenos Aires 1 and 2 veins), only the Espinito Vein was historically exploited as a satellite mine to the main La India and America-Constancia underground developments between 1938 and 1956. All the gold was processed at the central La India Mill which produced an estimated 576,000 oz gold at an average grade of 13.4g/t during that time. It is not known how much of this production came from the Espinito workings, which exploited a 500m strike length from two development levels. In addition to the principal veins a number of linking or cross-cutting veins have also been shown to host gold mineralisation but have not yet been assessed by drilling or underground workings.

#### Micon International Report

In February 1998, Micon International Limited produced a review of the resources, reserves and business plan for the Mestiza Project for Diadem Resource Limited, the owner of the 200 hectare Espinito-Mendoza concession. The conclusion reads: "It is Micon's opinion that La Mestiza is a property of merit, with good potential to become a small (500 to 800tpd), low cost mine." And goes on to say "A significant amount of work, however, still remains to be done before the resources at La Mestiza property can be upgraded to reserves. It is Micon's opinion, this further work is fully justified by the exploration results obtained to date." Assuming a head grade of 7g/t gold a 500tpd to 800tpd mill would produce between 40,000 oz to 60,000 oz gold per annum. It is important o note that the Mestiza Vein Set is excluded from Condor's NI 43-101 compliant PFS and PEA studies on La India Project.

Figure 1



# **Technical Glossary**

C1	C1 recognise are breadly equivalent to IODC
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	deposits of the same type. The general conditions for exploitation are partially known
C2	C2 reserves are broadly equivalent to JORC inferred resources and have been extrapolated from limited data, probably only a single hole
g/t	grams per tonne
Indicated resource	that part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, densities, shape, physical characteristics, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a reasonable level of confidence. It is based on exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes. The locations are too widely or inappropriately spaced to confirm geological and/or grade continuity but are spaced closely enough for continuity to be assumed
inferred resource	that part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a low level of confidence. It is inferred from geological evidence and assumed but not verified geological and/or grade continuity. It is based on information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that may be limited, or of uncertain quality and reliability
Kt	Thousand tonnes
NI 43-101	Canadian National Instrument 43-101 a common standard for reporting of identified mineral resources and ore reserves
mineral resource	a concentration or occurrence of material of economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such a form, quality, and quantity that there are reasonable and realistic prospects for eventual economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade, continuity and other geological characteristics of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated from specific geological

	knowledge, or interpreted from a well constrained and portrayed geological model
PEA	Preliminary Economic Assessment - A conceptual-level study used to demonstrate basic economic viability under Canadian National Instrument 43-101
PFS	Preliminary Feasibility Study - Overall economic accuracy of +/- 25%
quartz veins	veins of quartz rock develop in fractures and fissures in the surrounding rock. They are deposited by saturated geothermal liquids rising to the surface through the cracks in the rock and then cooling
Soviet Classification	The former Soviet system for classification of reserves and resources, developed in 1960 and revised in 1981, which divides mineral concentrations into seven categories of three major groups, based on the level of exploration performed: explored reserves (A, B, C1), evaluated reserves (C2) and prognostic resources (P1, P2, P3)
Soviet GKZ	the former Soviet State Commission for Mineral Reserves
strike length	The longest horizontal dimension of an ore body or zone of mineralisation

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#### **About Condor Gold plc:**

Condor Gold plc was admitted to AIM on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006. The Company is a gold exploration and development company with a focus on Central America.

Condor completed a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) and two Preliminary Economic Assessments (PEA) on La India Project in Nicaragua in December 2014. The PFS details an open pit gold mineral reserve of 6.9M tonnes at 3.0g/t gold for 675,000 oz gold producing 80,000 oz gold p.a. for 7 years. The PEA for the open pit only scenario details 100,000 oz gold production p.a. for 8 years whereas the PEA for a combination of open pit and underground details 140,000 oz gold production p.a. for 8 years. La India Project contains a total attributable mineral resource of 18.4Mt at 3.9g/t for 2.33M oz gold and 2.68M oz silver at 6.2g/t to the CIM Code.

In El Salvador, Condor has an attributable 1,004,000 oz gold equivalent at 2.6g/t JORC compliant resource. The resource calculations are compiled by independent geologists SRK Consulting (UK) Limited for Nicaragua and Ravensgate and Geosure for El Salvador.

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