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## Hycroft Mining Corporation Completes Financial Restructuring Process and Emerges from Chapter 11 with \$221.7 Million in Financing

**October 22, 2015 | Reno, Nevada** – Hycroft Mining Corporation (previously known as Allied Nevada Gold Corp. and referred to herein as “Hycroft Mining”, “us”, “we”, “it” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that, effective October 22, 2015, it has completed its financial restructuring process and has emerged from Chapter 11. On October 8, 2015, with the support of the Company’s debt holders and creditors, the Company’s Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) was approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

### **Highlights of the Plan include:**

- As a result of the financial restructuring, Hycroft Mining has eliminated approximately \$447.7 million of debt and related interest payments from its balance sheet.
- The Company closed two financings: a \$126.7 million First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement (“Credit Agreement”); and \$95 million of Second Lien Convertible Notes (“Convertible Notes”).
  - The Credit Agreement proceeds were used to repay the Company’s outstanding loan obligations related to its revolving credit agreement and the amounts owed under the Company’s diesel and cross-currency swap arrangements.
  - The proceeds from the issuance of the Convertible Notes were used to pay back the Company’s debtor in possession financing facility and certain other payments required under the Company’s Plan. The remaining proceeds after such payments will be used for ongoing corporate needs.
- As detailed in the Plan, the Company’s existing unsecured notes and general unsecured claims have been canceled and holders of such claims received equity in the reorganized Company or cash in amounts negotiated by the major creditor groups. The Company has issued 3 million new common shares to its creditors, but does not plan to list the new common shares for public trading at this time or to remain as a reporting company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Previous equity shareholders of the Company will receive warrants with a 7-year term that represent 17.5% of the outstanding new common shares.
- A new Board has been put in place with strong financial and technical backgrounds.
- The strategic direction of the Company continues to be focused on executing development plans at Hycroft through the operation of the mill demonstration plant.

“We appreciate the support of our lenders and creditors who have been instrumental in our achieving a successful emergence from these Chapter 11 proceedings,” commented Randy Buffington, President and CEO of Hycroft Mining. “Their commitment to the future of this Company has been a significant step in our goal of realizing Hycroft’s potential.”

### **Financings**

**First Lien Term Loan Credit Agreement.** The Company entered into the Credit Agreement for an aggregate amount of \$126.7 million. The Credit Agreement matures March 31, 2017 and bears interest at either LIBOR plus 5.5% or an Alternate Base Rate Canada, as defined in the Credit Agreement, plus

4.5%. The repayment of the obligations under the Credit Agreement is guaranteed by all of the direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries of Hycroft Mining. The obligations under the Credit Agreement and the guarantees by the guarantors in respect thereof are secured by liens on substantially all assets of Hycroft Mining and the guarantors.

**Second Lien Convertible Notes.** The Company also issued \$95.0 million in Convertible Notes pursuant to the Senior Secured Convertible Notes Indenture (the “Indenture”). The Convertible Notes mature in 5 years and bear interest at a rate of 15% per annum, payable in kind on a quarterly basis. The repayment of the Convertible Notes is guaranteed by all of the direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries of Hycroft Mining. The obligations under the Convertible Notes and the guarantees by the guarantors in respect thereof are secured by liens on substantially all assets of Hycroft Mining and the guarantors, subject to the priority of the liens that secure the obligations under the Credit Agreement. In connection with the issuance of the Convertible Notes, an Intercreditor Agreement was entered into by and among the agent under the Credit Agreement and the trustee under the Indenture.

### **Name Change**

In connection with the Company’s restructuring, the Company changed its corporate name to Hycroft Mining Corporation to emphasize its focus on the development of the Hycroft gold and silver operation located near Winnemucca, Nevada.

“Our focus is on producing gold and silver from the current leach pads and the successful operation of the mill demonstration plant to illustrate the viability of the feasibility study completed in 2014,” commented Randy Buffington, President & CEO of Hycroft Mining. “This name change better reflects our overall business strategy.”

### **Board and Management Team**

The new board of directors of the Company consists of Randy Buffington (Chairman), David Kirsch, Jacob Mercer, Jonathan Segal and Michael Feehan. The Management team remains largely the same, led by Randy Buffington, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Stephen Jones, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

The Company’s legal advisor is Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; and its financial and restructuring advisor is Moelis & Company.

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