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Xali Gold agrees to Extension on El Oro Tailings for Additional Payments

Vancouver, British Columbia, January 4, 2023. Xali Gold Corp. (TSXV:XGC) ("Xali Gold" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has extended the Production Earn-In Option Agreement (the "Agreement") with Sun River Gold Corp ("Sun River") on the Tailings Project in El Oro, Mexico in exchange for additional advanced Net Profits Interest ("NPI") payments.

"While Sun River has been diligently advancing the Tailings Project and have purchased the land required for the reprocessing operation there have been further delays to the granting of permits. Given the significant advance of Sun River's work on the project, we have agreed to a further extension. We believe that the willingness to make additional advance NPI payments is a strong indication of confidence that the production of gold and silver is not too far away." stated Joanne Freeze, President and CEO of Xali Gold.

The third extension On December 30, 2022, Xali Gold agreed to grant a third extension of the Option Expiry Date to December 31, 2023 under the following terms:

- a. continuation of advanced NPI payments of US\$15,000 per month;
- b. advanced NPI payments of:
 - i) US\$35,000 by January 6, 2023;
 - ii) US\$50,000 by June 30, 2023;
 - iii) US\$75,000 within 20 days of receiving the Financing for Construction;
- c. if an additional 6 months is required to get into Operation and Xali Gold is satisfied with permitting status then an additional 6 months extension for Commencing Operation will be granted if the following Payment is made:
 - iv) US\$75,000 on Dec 31, 2023

As part of the second extension previously granted Xali Gold will also receive

- d. advanced NPI payments of US\$50,000 per month once commercial production is reached (or first concentrate is produced or dore gold is poured) and during the first year of operation, after which normal 5% NPI payments will be made;
- e. the first \$1.5M of the Municipality NPI owing to Xali Gold will now be paid during the first 3 years of operation.

Sun River has the option to acquire 100% of the Tailings Project from Minera CCM El Oro Jales (Xali Gold's subsidiary) by making staged payments totalling US\$500,000 (paid), bring the tailings into commercial production by October 31, 2021 (now extended to December 31, 2023 as stated above), and grant to the Company a 5%NPI, Life of Mine royalty as well as the Municipality's 8% NPI on production from the properties. Xali Gold will also receive the first \$1.5M of the Municipality's 8% NPI.

Sun River is a private Arizona based corporation managed by an experienced team of mining professionals with a combined 80 years of mining experience in Mexico, including specific experience in the reprocessing of old gold and silver tailings.

The Tailings Project in El Oro contains an Inferred Resource* of 1,267,400 Tonnes grading 2.94 Au g/t, 75.12 Ag g/t containing 119,900 ounces of gold and 3,061,200 ounces of silver.

*Note: Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. All figures have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate. For more information see "National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report on the Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of the Mexico Mine Tailings" prepared by Nadia Caira, P.Geo. and Allan Reeves, P.Geo., dated August 25, 2014 with an effective date of July 8, 2014 available at www.sedar.com.

About Xali Gold

Xali Gold has a growth strategy to acquire gold and silver projects with near surface exploration potential, near-term production potential and previous mining histories in Mexico. Xali Gold plans to advance our growing bank of gold and silver assets internally and/or with industry partners.

El Oro is a district scale gold project encompassing a well-known prolific high-grade gold dominant gold-silver epithermal vein system in Mexico. The project covers 20 veins with past production and more than 57 veins in total, from which approximately 6.4 million ounces of gold and 74 million ounces of silver were reported to have been produced from just two of these veins (Ref. Mexico Geological Service Bulletin Nr. 37, Mining of the El Oro and Tlapujahua Districts. 1920, T. Flores).

Modern understanding of epithermal vein systems indicates that several of the El Oro district's veins hold excellent discovery potential, particularly below and adjacent to the historic workings of the San Rafael Vein, which was mined to an average depth of only 200 metres.

Xali Gold is dedicated to being a responsible Community partner.

Joanne C. Freeze, P.Geo., President, CEO and Matthew Melnyk, CPG., Director Operations, are Qualified Persons as defined by National Instrument 43-101 for the projects discussed above. Ms. Freeze and Mr. Melnyk have reviewed and approved the contents of this release.

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On behalf of the Board of Xali Gold Corp.

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