

## NEW GOLD ANNOUNCES SALE OF EL MORRO INTEREST FOR \$90 MILLION CASH AND A 4% GOLD STREAM

*(All dollar figures are in US dollars unless otherwise indicated)*

August 27, 2015 – New Gold Inc. (“New Gold”) (TSX:NGD) (NYSE MKT:NGD) today announces that the company has entered into an agreement with Goldcorp Inc. (“Goldcorp”) to sell New Gold’s 30% interest in the El Morro project to Goldcorp in exchange for \$90 million in cash, a 4% stream on gold production from the El Morro property and the cancellation of New Gold’s \$93 million carried funding loan (the “Transaction”). The Transaction provides New Gold with increased financial flexibility, strengthens the balance sheet and enables the company to maintain exposure to El Morro’s significant 8.9 million ounce gold reserve and ongoing exploration potential.

### KEY TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS

#### \$90 million cash consideration

- \$90 million, less applicable withholding taxes, to be paid at closing of the Transaction, expected to be in the fourth quarter of 2015

#### 4% stream on gold production from the El Morro property

- 4% stream on life-of-project gold production from the 417 square kilometre El Morro property
- El Morro’s currently estimated gold mineral reserves – 599 million tonnes at an average gold grade of 0.46 grams per tonne, totalling 8.9 million ounces
  - Measured and Indicated mineral resources (exclusive of reserves) – 92 million tonnes at an average gold grade of 0.41 grams per tonne, totalling 1.2 million ounces
  - Inferred mineral resources (including open pit and underground resources) – 678 million tonnes at an average gold grade of 0.30 grams per tonne, totalling 6.5 million ounces
- New Gold to pay fixed \$400 per ounce on the first 217,000 ounces of gold delivered as part of the stream

#### \$93 million carried funding loan cancelled

- New Gold will no longer be obligated to repay the \$93 million in debt that Goldcorp (and previous joint venture partners) funded on the company’s behalf

In conjunction with the Transaction, Goldcorp and Teck Resources Limited (“Teck”) today announced that they plan to combine their respective El Morro and Relincho projects into a 50/50 joint venture with the interim name of Project Corridor.

“This transaction makes strategic sense for all of the parties involved,” stated Randall Oliphant, Executive Chairman of New Gold. “We believe Goldcorp and Teck have developed a creative and thoughtful approach to bring their projects together. It is logical for two large, well-capitalized, proven operators to carry Project Corridor forward. At the same time, New Gold has taken this opportunity to further enhance our financial flexibility and strengthen our balance sheet while retaining a meaningful, low-cost stream on El Morro’s significant gold reserves and ongoing potential.”

“Goldcorp has been an excellent partner at El Morro over the last five years and we look forward to Goldcorp and Teck progressing Project Corridor for the benefit of all stakeholders,” added Mr. Oliphant.

### Additional Transaction Details

Based on the results of the Project Corridor Preliminary Economic Assessment, when ore is sourced from El Morro, gold production is expected to average over 400,000 ounces per year which would enable New Gold to purchase over 16,000 ounces of gold per year at \$400 per ounce.

The cash purchase price for gold delivered under the stream is fixed at \$400 per ounce for the first 217,000 ounces of gold, where 217,000 ounces reflects 4% of El Morro’s currently estimated recoverable gold production. Thereafter, the cash purchase price will be \$400 per ounce plus an annual 1% inflation adjustment.

Goldcorp and Teck are expecting to commence a Pre-Feasibility Study in early 2016 which should be completed 12 to 18 months thereafter.

El Morro has generated a significant return for the company since it was originally brought into the portfolio by one of New Gold's predecessor companies in 1996. Including the costs associated with optioning into the property and subsequent exploration expenditures, the company has spent less than \$7 million for its interest in El Morro. In return for this investment, New Gold received a \$50 million payment from Goldcorp in 2010 when Goldcorp became the company's 70% joint venture partner, as well as the cash proceeds related to today's Transaction. Importantly, beyond these two cash payments, New Gold continues to maintain meaningful exposure to the El Morro project through the 4% gold stream. From an accounting perspective, the company expects to realize a non-cash loss of approximately \$100 million on the sale of its 30% interest in El Morro, primarily related to the purchase accounting value assigned to the project at the time of the New Gold's three-way merger in 2008.

Closing of the Transaction is conditional upon the closing of the El Morro-Relincho joint venture between Goldcorp and Teck as well as other customary conditions. The Transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2015.

## ABOUT NEW GOLD INC.

New Gold is an intermediate gold mining company. The company has a portfolio of four producing assets and three significant development projects. The New Afton Mine in Canada, the Mesquite Mine in the United States, the Peak Mines in Australia and the Cerro San Pedro Mine in Mexico, provide the company with its current production base. In addition, New Gold owns 100% of the Rainy River and Blackwater projects, both in Canada, as well as an interest in the El Morro project located in Chile. New Gold's objective is to be the leading intermediate gold producer, focused on the environment and social responsibility. For further information on the company, please visit [www.newgold.com](http://www.newgold.com).

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information contained in this news release, including any information relating to New Gold's future financial or operating performance are "forward looking". All statements in this news release, other than statements of historical fact, which address events, results, outcomes or developments that New Gold expects to occur are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "targeted", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", "projects", "potential", "believes" or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" or the negative connotation of such terms. Forward-looking statements in this news release include, among others, statements with respect to the anticipated benefits and effects of the Transaction, including the ability of the parties to satisfy the conditions of and complete Transaction; the ability of Teck and Goldcorp to satisfy the conditions of and complete the El Morro-Relincho joint venture ("Project Corridor"); the estimation of mineral reserves and mineral resources and metallurgical recoveries; the timing and amount of estimated future production from the El Morro property; and the completion of a pre-feasibility study for Project Corridor.

All forward-looking statements in this news release are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made and are subject to important risk factors and uncertainties, many of which are beyond New Gold's ability to control or predict. Certain material assumptions regarding such forward-looking statements are discussed in this news release. In addition to, and subject to, such assumptions discussed in more detail elsewhere, the forward-looking statements in this news release are also subject to assumptions regarding: (1) conditions to closing of the Transaction being satisfied in a timely manner; (2) conditions to closing of Project Corridor being satisfied in a timely manner; (3) the future business strategies and the environment in which Goldcorp and Teck will operate, including the price of commodities and anticipated costs of developing Project Corridor; (4) political and legal developments in Chile being consistent with the parties' current expectations; (5) the accuracy of current mineral reserve and resource estimates; (6) all required permits, licenses and authorizations being obtained from the relevant governments and other relevant stakeholders within the expected timelines; and (7) the results of the conceptual design of Project Corridor being realized.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, without limitation: the Transaction not closing when planned; delay or failure to receive regulatory approvals or the failure to satisfy other closing conditions to the Transaction or Project Corridor; future mineral prices; discrepancies between actual and estimated production, mineral reserves and resources and metallurgical recoveries; estimated mine life and sequencing of ore from the El Morro property and the Relincho property; conclusions of economic evaluations; litigation risks; mining operational and development risks; general business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties; currency exchange rate fluctuations; not realizing the potential benefits of the Transaction or Project Corridor; changes in parameters as plans continue to be refined; as well as those risks identified in New Gold's filings with Canadian securities regulators, which may be viewed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Although New Gold has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements and information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results and future events could materially differ from those anticipated in such statements. All of the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are qualified by these cautionary statements. New Gold expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, events or otherwise, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

## CAUTIONARY NOTE TO U.S. READERS CONCERNING ESTIMATES OF MINERAL RESERVES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Information concerning the properties and operations of New Gold has been prepared in accordance with Canadian standards under applicable Canadian securities laws, and may not be comparable to similar information for United States companies. The terms “Mineral Resource”, “Measured Mineral Resource”, “Indicated Mineral Resource” and “Inferred Mineral Resource” used in this news release are Canadian mining terms as defined in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (“CIM”) Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves adopted by CIM Council on May 10, 2014 and incorporated by reference in National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”). While the terms “Mineral Resource”, “Measured Mineral Resource”, “Indicated Mineral Resource” and “Inferred Mineral Resource” are recognized and required by Canadian securities regulations, they are not defined terms under standards of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. As such, certain information contained in this news release concerning descriptions of mineralization and mineral resources under Canadian standards is not comparable to similar information made public by United States companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

An “Inferred Mineral Resource” has a great amount of uncertainty as to its existence and as to its economic and legal feasibility. Under Canadian rules, estimates of inferred mineral resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an “Inferred Mineral Resource” will ever be upgraded to a higher confidence category through additional exploration drilling and technical evaluation. Readers are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an “Inferred Mineral Resource” exists or is economically or legally mineable.

Under United States standards, mineralization may not be classified as a “Reserve” unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve estimation is made. Readers are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of the measured or indicated mineral resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves. In addition, the definitions of “Proven Mineral Reserves” and “Probable Mineral Reserves” under CIM standards differ in certain respects from the standards of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

## EL MORRO MINERAL RESERVES AND RESOURCES (ON A 100% BASIS)

EL MORRO MINERAL RESERVES AND RESOURCES SUMMARY TABLE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014 (100% basis)

	Metal grade				Contained metal		
	Tonnes 000s	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Copper %	Gold Koz	Silver Koz	Copper Mlbs
<b>MINERAL RESERVES</b>							
Proven	321,814	0.56	-	0.55	5,820	-	3,877
Probable	277,240	0.35	-	0.43	3,097	-	2,627
<b>Total El Morro P&amp;P</b>	<b>599,054</b>	<b>0.46</b>	-	<b>0.49</b>	<b>8,917</b>	-	<b>6,503</b>
<b>MEASURED AND INDICATED MINERAL RESOURCE</b>							
Measured	19,790	0.53	-	0.51	340	-	223
Indicated	72,563	0.38	-	0.39	883	-	630
<b>Total El Morro M&amp;I</b>	<b>92,353</b>	<b>0.41</b>	-	<b>0.42</b>	<b>1,220</b>	-	<b>853</b>
<b>INFERRED RESOURCE</b>							
El Morro - Open Pit	564,217	0.16	-	0.26	2,903	-	3,233
El Morro - Underground	113,840	0.97	-	0.78	3,550	-	1,957

## NOTES TO MINERAL RESERVE AND RESOURCE ESTIMATES

1. New Gold’s mineral reserves have been estimated in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (“CIM”) Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves adopted by CIM Council on May 10, 2014 and incorporated by reference in National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”).

2. For year-end 2014 mineral reserves for the El Morro property have been estimated based on the following metal prices and lower cut-off criteria:

Mineral Property	Gold (\$/oz)	Silver (\$/oz)	Copper (\$/lb)	Lower Cut-off
El Morro	\$1,300	-	\$3.00	0.20% CuEq

3. New Gold reports its Measured and Indicated mineral resources exclusive of mineral reserves. Measured and Indicated mineral resources do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred mineral resources have a greater amount of uncertainty as to their existence, economic and legal feasibility, do not have demonstrated economic viability, and are likewise exclusive of mineral reserves.
4. For year-end 2014 mineral resources for the El Morro property have been estimated based on the following metal prices and lower cut-off criteria:

Mineral Property	Gold (\$/oz)	Silver (\$/oz)	Copper (\$/lb)	Lower Cut-off
El Morro	\$1,500	-	\$3.50	0.20% CuEq

5. Mineral resources are classified as Measured, Indicated and Inferred resources and are reported based on technical and economic parameters consistent with the methods most suitable for their potential commercial exploitation. Where different mining and/or processing methods might be applied to different portions of a mineral resource, the designators 'open pit' and 'underground' have been applied to indicate envisioned mining method. Mineral reserves and mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing and other risks and relevant issues. Additional details regarding mineral reserve and mineral resource estimation, classification, reporting parameters, key assumptions and associated risks for the El Morro property are provided in the NI 43-101 Technical Report for the El Morro Project, Region III, Chile, dated March 26, 2012 which is available under New Gold's profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).
6. The preparation of the mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates for the El Morro property has been done by Qualified Persons as defined under NI 43-101, under the oversight and review of Mr. Mark A. Petersen, a Qualified Person under NI 43-101.

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