
Masuparia Commences Binding Arbitration Proceedings Against Golden Band Resources Corp.

Masuparia Gold Corporation (TSX.V: **MAS**) ("**Masuparia**" or the "**Company**") announces that it has commenced binding arbitration proceeding with respect to certain disputes Masuparia has with Golden Band Resources Inc. ("**Golden Band**") under the La Ronge South Gold Joint Venture Agreement made between Masuparia and Golden Band with an effective date of June 29, 2012 (the "**JV Agreement**"). Pursuant to the JV Agreement, Masuparia and Golden Band entered into a joint venture under the name of the La Ronge South Gold Joint Venture (the "**Joint Venture**") for the purpose of exploring certain mineral dispositions located in the La Ronge gold belt of northeastern Saskatchewan (the "**Property**"), and bringing all or a portion of the Property into commercial production by establishing and operating mining operations on the Property.

Pursuant to the JV Agreement certain exploration programs that were approved by both parties were completed on the Property. Masuparia incurred costs and issued funding notices to Golden Band respecting Golden Band's proportionate share of such exploration programs. However, Golden Band has failed to contribute its proportionate share of these costs to the Joint Venture in a timely manner, and because of Golden Band's failure to do so, Masuparia has funded the shortfall for the approved exploration programs, thereby invoking the dilution provisions of the JV Agreement. As a result, it is Masuparia's position that Golden Band's interest in the Joint Venture ("**Interest**") has been diluted to less than 10% and, pursuant to the JV Agreement, such Interest is deemed to have been assigned and conveyed to Masuparia, with Golden Band subsequently receiving a 2.5% net smelter returns royalty on production from the Property.

Masuparia's arbitration claim is to enforce the dilution of Golden Band's Interest and resulting conversion of Golden Band's diminished Interest into a 2.5% net smelter returns royalty. Golden Band contends its Interest has not been diluted by virtue of the implementation of Golden Band's proposal under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada). Following extensive effort on the part of Masuparia to negotiate a resolution of the differences between the parties, on November 6, 2017 Masuparia demanded the transfer of legal title to the Property to Masuparia in accordance with the JV Agreement. However, Golden Band continues to contend that its Interest in the Joint Venture has not been diluted and that it will not transfer title to the Property to Masuparia.

In accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of the JV Agreement, following the delivery of the demand for transfer of title, representatives of Masuparia and Golden Band met on November 21, 2017 in an attempt to settle the matter in good faith, but did not resolve the dispute. On December 14, 2017, representatives of Masuparia and Golden Band met with a mediator, but did not resolve this dispute. As provided for in the JV Agreement, Masuparia has now formally requested to have its dispute with Golden Band resolved by binding arbitration in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan pursuant to *The Arbitration Act, 1992* (Saskatchewan). Masuparia has delivered a Notice to Arbitrate to Golden Band and is seeking an order: a) declaring that Golden Band's Interest is deemed to have been assigned and conveyed to Masuparia as a result of Golden Band's Interest being reduced to 10% or less pursuant to the JV Agreement; b) directing Golden Band to execute and deliver to Masuparia legal title to the Property in the Mineral Administration Registry of Saskatchewan; c) for payment of Masuparia's legal costs and expenses; and d) for such further relief as the arbitrator may award. In accordance with the terms of the JV Agreement, the parties must agree on an arbitrator. Otherwise, the binding arbitration will be heard by a panel of three arbitrators and each

party must appoint one arbitrator, and the third arbitrator will be appointed by the parties' two designated arbitrators. Subject to applicable law, the award of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon each of the parties and will not be subject to appeal or judicial review.

The binding arbitration process will resolve the ultimate Joint Venture Interest of the parties. At the end of this procedure, Masuparia, at the very least, will retain its position as operator and the holder of a minimum 50% ownership. Masuparia will issue further news on the arbitration as developments warrant.

It is Masuparia's intention that the arbitration proceedings should not prevent the continued exploration of the Property. A phased exploration program for 2018 has been approved by Masuparia and presented to Golden Band. Subject to their response and permitting from the Saskatchewan government, it is hoped that a winter diamond drill program will start in the first quarter of 2018.

About Masuparia Gold Corporation

Masuparia Gold Corporation is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on exploration projects in the La Ronge Greenstone Belt of Saskatchewan. Masuparia's projects include the advanced-stage Greywacke deposit, which hosts several known high-grade gold-bearing zones and has a National Instrument 43-101 compliant (at a cut-off grade of 5 grams gold/tonne) Indicated Mineral Resource of 255,500 tonnes at 9.92 g/t Au plus an Inferred Mineral Resource of 59,130 tonnes at 7.42 g/t Au. Masuparia's NI 43-101 Technical Report of June 1, 2016 is available on [SEDAR](http://www.sedar.com) and on Masuparia's website: <http://www.masupariagold.com>.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of

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