

CNMC Goldmine's 2Q2018 Revenue Reaches 2-Year High But Higher Non-Operating Costs Crimp Bottom Line

- *Production and sales volume of fine gold in 2Q2018 at highest in 2 years*
- *Second gold de-absorption and smelting facility being built to boost production efficiency*

US\$	2Q2018	2Q2017	Change (%)	1H2018	1H2017	Change (%)
Revenue	9,315,830	4,859,680	91.7	15,411,091	9,585,116	60.8
Results from operating activities	(387,194)	298,287	N.M.	41,166	280,575	(85.3)
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, amortisation	1,036,815	1,201,731	(13.7)	2,621,582	2,139,032	22.6
Net (loss)/profit	(182,330)	523,811	N.M.	431,001	592,587	(27.3)
Net (loss)/profit attributable to owners	(336,938)	478,381	N.M.	191,407	533,215	(64.1)

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SINGAPORE, 14 August 2018 - A marked increase in gold output after its third processing plant began full commercial production in May this year enabled CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited ("CNMC", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") to generate core earnings¹ of US\$1.80 million in the second quarter of 2018 ("2Q2018"), reversing a net loss of US\$35,052 in the same period last year ("2Q2017").

The Group produced and sold 7,187.60 ounces of fine gold at its flagship Sokor project in Malaysia's Kelantan state in 2Q2018, the highest since the third quarter of 2016 and 87.4% more than in 2Q2017. The increase lifted its revenue to a two-year high of US\$9.32 million, nearly double the US\$4.86 million generated in 2Q2017.

CNMC's carbon-in-leach ("CIL") plant, designed for extracting higher-grade ore, was a key driver of its 2Q2018 output, which included contributions from its heap leach and vat leach plants. The CIL plant boasts a gold recovery rate of up to 95%, compared to about 60% for heap leaching and 80% for vat leaching.

¹ Net profit/(loss) excluding unrealised foreign-exchange gain/loss, listing expenses and employee performance share expenses.



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The Group's all-in cost of production decreased to US\$1,038 per ounce of gold in 2Q2018 from US\$1,115 a year earlier, due mainly to economies of scale stemming from the increase in gold production.

Notwithstanding the higher revenue and lower production costs, the Group incurred a net loss of US\$0.18 million in 2Q2018 compared to a net profit of US\$0.52 million in 2Q2017. Net loss attributable to shareholders was US\$0.34 million in 2Q2018.

The outcome was due to expenses of US\$0.81 million incurred for CNMC's proposed dual primary listing on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, and employee performance share expenses of US\$0.47 million. The Group had also recorded an unrealised foreign exchange loss of US\$0.70 million in 2Q2018. Excluding these expenses, the Group would have made a net profit of US\$1.80 million in 2Q2018, compared with a net loss of US\$0.04 million in 2Q2017.

For the six months ended 30 June 2018 ("**1H2018**"), revenue rose 60.8% from the same period last year ("**1H2017**") to US\$15.41 million on higher gold production. The Group made a smaller attributable net profit of US\$0.19 million in 1H2018, compared to US\$0.53 million in 1H2017, due mainly to lower unrealised foreign-exchange gain of US\$0.21 million, listing expenses of US\$0.99 million and employee performance share expenses of US\$0.47 million.

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had US\$13.63 million in cash and cash equivalents, and no bank borrowings.

As part of efforts to improve production efficiency, CNMC has started building a second gold de-absorption and smelting facility next to the CIL plant. It is also reviewing how best to embark on underground mining to complement its current open-pit mining operations.

Mr Chris Lim, CNMC's Chief Executive Officer, said: "The notable increase in gold production in 2Q2018 marks the beginning of an upturn for CNMC after more than a year of below-average gold output. With the CIL plant fully operational and augmenting production from the heap leach and vat leach facilities, we are hopeful that overall gold output this year will exceed what we achieved in 2017."

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About CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited (Bloomberg: CNMC:SP; Reuters: CNMC.SI)

CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is the first Catalist-listed gold mining company on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “SGXST”). Headquartered in Singapore, the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) started operations in 2006 and are principally engaged in the exploration and mining of gold and the processing of mined ore into gold doré bars.

The Group is focused on developing the Sokor Gold Field Project, located in the State of Kelantan, Malaysia. Spanning an area of 10km², the project has identified five gold deposit regions, namely Manson’s Lode, New Discovery, New Found, Sg. Ketubong and Rixen.

As at 31 December 2017, the Sokor Gold Field Project had JORC-compliant gold resources (inclusive of ore reserves) of 13.86 million tonnes at a grade of 1.6 g/t in the Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories for a total of 724,000 ounces. The project achieved its first gold pour on 21 July 2010.

The Company also owns a 51% stake in CNMC Pulai Mining Sdn. Bhd., which is authorised to mine gold, iron ore and feldspar on an approximately 38.4km² brownfield site in Kelantan. CNMC Pulai Mining Sdn. Bhd. has 11 exploration and mining licences. The Company also owns KelGold Mining Sdn. Bhd., which has rights to explore for gold, iron ore and other minerals in Kelantan.

For more information on the Company, please visit www.cnmc.com.hk

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