

BLACKGOLD NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED
(Company Registration Number: 199704544C)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

**RESPONSE TO SGX QUERIES IN RELATION TO ANNOUNCEMENT ON 7 JUNE 2023 ON THE
RECEIPT OF LETTERS OF DEMAND AND ORIGINATING CLAIM**

All capitalised terms used in this announcement shall unless otherwise defined have the same meanings as given to them in the Previous Announcement (as defined below).

The board of directors (the “**Board**” or “**Directors**”) of BlackGold Natural Resources Limited (the “**Company**”) refers to its announcement on 7 June 2023 in relation to the receipt of letters of demand dated 4 May 2023 and 17 May 2023 (the “**Letters of Demand**”) and the originating claim dated 29 May 2023 filed against the Company (the “**Originating Claim**”) (the “**Previous Announcement**”), and wishes to address the following queries raised by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”) on 8 June 2023.

QUERY 1

Please provide the Board’s and Sponsor’s assessment whether trading in the Company’s securities can continue with the Company current state of affairs and the Letters of Demand.

COMPANY’S RESPONSE TO QUERY 1

Board’s assessment

The Board is of the view that the Company’s current liquidity position is insufficient to sustain its operation as a listed company. Hence, heeding the advice of its Sponsor (as mentioned below), the Board has decided that the Company will be requesting to convert the trading halt to a voluntary suspension of the trading of its securities pursuant to Rule 1303(3) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalyst (the “**Catalist Rules**”).

Sponsor’s assessment

The Sponsor has taken into consideration the following bases for its assessment on whether the trading in the Company’s securities can continue with the Company’s current state of affairs and the Letters of Demand:

- (a) the Board’s assessment of the Company’s current liquidity position is insufficient;
- (b) the latest Originating Claim which was filed against the Company as announced on 7 June 2023;
- (c) as announced on 9 March 2023, the operation production license (the “**License**”) of the Company’s subsidiary, PT Samantaka Batubara (“**PT SB**”) had expired on 25 February 2023. As at the date of this announcement, the renewal of the License (the “**License Renewal**”) has not been obtained and the operational activities at the coal mine concession of PT SB will remain halted until the License Renewal is approved;
- (d) as announced on 1 March 2023, PT SB had terminated its key cooperation partner, PT Global Energi Lestari, effective from 30 November 2022. As at the date of this announcement, PT SB has not entered into a definitive agreement with the new cooperation partner/mining contractor to carry out the production and delivery of coal to PT SB’s customer(s);

- (e) as announced on 5 May 2023, the placement agreement between the Company and Mr Heliyanto which was first announced on 31 July 2022 to raise approximately gross proceeds of S\$5.3 million had lapsed;
- (f) as at the date of this announcement, no definitive timeline has been set to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to approve, *inter alia*, the issuance of the convertible bonds which was first announced by the Company on 5 May 2023;
- (g) as at the date of this announcement, it has not been brought to the attention of the Sponsor that the Company has (i) drawn down the available loan facilities from its' shareholders, Novel Creation Holdings Limited and Twin Gold Ventures S.A ("**Twin Gold**"), and (ii) obtained an agreement from Twin Gold not to demand for repayment of the shareholder's loan after the expiration of the current agreement on 31 March 2023; and
- (h) the Company has not released its annual reports for the financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022, as well as the unaudited financial statements for the three (3) months financial period ended 31 March 2023 (the "**Financials**"). Currently, there is no definitive timeline on when the Financials will be finalised and announced by the Company.

In view of the foregoing, the Sponsor has formed the reasonable opinion that the Company is unable to reasonably assess the Group's financial position and inform the market accordingly. Pursuant to Rule 1302(3) of the Catalist Rules, the Sponsor is of the opinion that the Company's securities should be put into a suspension and had advised the Company accordingly.

QUERY 2

Please provide the AC's and Sponsor's assessment on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in light of the Letters of Demand, and the bases for the assessment.

COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO QUERY 2

Please refer to the responses from the Company and the Sponsor to Query 1 above.

QUERY 3

Please disclose why the Company only announced the receipt of the letters of demand and originating claim on 7 June 2023 when it was received on 4 May 2023, 17 May 2023 and 29 May 2023 respectively.

COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO QUERY 3

The Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company received the Letters of Demand but did not make an immediate announcement because:

- (a) the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer was led to believe that the Creditor was going to make a settlement offer, which the Creditor did through a written settlement offer provided to the Company on 19 May 2023 (the "**Settlement Offer**"). The Settlement Offer required the Company to make a partial payment and obtain written confirmation from the subscriber of the new convertible bonds which was announced on 5 May 2023 (the "**Convertible Bonds**"), confirming that the proceeds from the issuance of the Convertible Bonds will be used to satisfy the Company's indebtedness to the Creditor by 24 May 2023;
- (b) after receiving the Settlement Offer in writing, the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer then tried to raise the necessary funds required for the partial payment while simultaneously seeking verification of the Creditor's claim. The Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer was unsure about the veracity of the Creditor's claim as he did not have the documents

supporting the Creditor's claim at the prevailing point of time and the Company did not have an employee in Singapore to retrieve the documents for him; and

- (c) consequently, the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer had requested for the said supporting documents from the Creditor while attempting to raise the required funds to fulfil the Settlement Offer's partial payment requirement. Unfortunately, the Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer was unable to raise the required funds, and he had only received the said supporting documents and the Originating Claim from the Creditor on 1 June 2023.

QUERY 4

Please disclose if there is any other material information shareholders should be aware of.

COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO QUERY 4

The Company is not aware of any other material information which has to be announced to inform the shareholders of the Company.

By Order of the Board

Andreas Rinaldi
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
14 June 2023

This announcement has been prepared by the Company and reviewed by the Company's sponsor, Novus Corporate Finance Pte. Ltd. (the "**Sponsor**"), in compliance with Rule 226(2)(b) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**") Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist.

This announcement has not been examined or approved by the SGX-ST and the SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the contents of this announcement including the correctness of any of the statements or opinions made or reports contained in this announcement. The Sponsor has also not drawn on any specific technical expertise in its review of this announcement.

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