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# **Polymetal International plc**

Polymetal consolidates 100% interest in Saum property

Polymetal International plc acquires the remaining 20% stake in Saum Mining Company LLC, the licence holder for the Saum polymetallic deposit with resources of 435 Koz of gold equivalent at 9.7 g/t ("Saum"). This transaction brings Polymetal's stake in the property to 100%.

"Our strategy at Voro is increasingly focused on extending the life of mine through nearby exploration targets, with the potential addition of a flotation circuit to the existing processing plant. Saum fits this vision perfectly. High grades and good infrastructure will enable low capital intensity, low costs, and a quick route to free cash flow, which further strengthens the rationale for a flotation project at Voro", said Vitaly Nesis, Group CEO of Polymetal.

Following a successful exploration drilling campaign at the property in 2017-2018 Polymetal has decided to consolidate its ownership in Saum. The total consideration for the remaining 20% stake in Saum comprised US\$ 7 million paid to a private seller by issuing 834,055 new ordinary shares of the Company, representing 0.18% of Polymetal's total increased share capital. The number of issued shares has been determined by dividing US\$ 7 million by US\$ 8.39, the spot price of ordinary shares of the Company on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange as at market close on 25 September 2018 in US dollars.

An application has been made to the London Stock Exchange and UKLA on the Official List and the Consideration Shares are expected to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange on 1 October 2018. Following admission, the total issued share capital of the Company will comprise 453,425,681 ordinary shares of no par value, each carrying one vote.

#### **ASSET OVERVIEW**

The Saum licence covers an area of 34.2 km<sup>2</sup> in Russia's Sverdlovsk region in the Ural Mountains, and is located 60 km from the town of Ivdel (population of 16,000) and approximately 240 km from Polymetal's Voro processing plant. The closest road is 15 km away with the railway spur approximately 45 km.

Mineralisation at Saum belongs to the classical VMS type. Thick near-surface tabular ore bodies ensure feasibility of open-pit mining at a relatively low stripping ratio. Productive mineralisation remains open down-plunge along the strike. Saum's oxide ore is free-milling and will be processed through the existing CIP plant at Voro. Sulfide ore is amenable to conventional flotation followed by cyanide leaching of flotation tails.

The Company plans to prepare an initial reserve estimate in Q1 2019. Oxide ore mining activities are expected to start in 2H 2020.

### Saum Mineral Resources (JORC 2012) as at 01.07.2018

	Tonnage		Grade			Content					
	Kt	Au, g/t	Ag, g/t	Cu, %	Zn, %	GE, g/t	Au, Koz	Ag, Koz	Cu, Kt	Zn, Kt	GE, Koz
Indicated											
Sulfides	1,180	1.9	44	2.4	3.9	10.5	73	1,669	27.7	45.9	399
Oxides	180	4.9	43	-	-	5.3	28	250	-	-	31
Total Indicated	1,360	2.3	44	2.0	3.4	9.8	101	1,919	27.7	45.9	430
Inferred											
Sulfides	20	1.3	20	0.6	1.8	5.2	1	13	0.1	0.4	3
Oxides	10	2.2	43	-	_	2.6	1	20	-	_	1
Total Inferred	30	1.7	30	0.3	1.1	4.2	2	33	0.1	0.4	5
Indicated + Inferred											
Sulfides	1,200	1.9	44	2.3	3.9	10.4	74	1,683	27.8	46.3	403
Oxides	190	4.7	43	_	-	5.1	29	270	-	-	32
Total Indicated + Inferred	1,390	2.3	44	2.0	3.3	9.7	103	1,952	27.8	46.3	435

Notes: Mineral Resources are estimated in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). Metal prices used for the estimate: Au = US\$ 1,200/oz, Ag = US\$ 16.0/oz, Cu = US\$ 5,500/t. GE means gold equivalent. Discrepancies in calculations are due to rounding. Resources are presented in accordance with the Company's ownership of 100%.

#### **About Polymetal**

Polymetal International (LSE, MOEX: POLY, ADR: AUCOY) (together with its subsidiaries – "Polymetal", the "Company", or the "Group") is the top-20 global gold producer and top-5 global silver producer with assets in Russia, Kazakhstan and Armenia. The Company combines strong growth with a robust dividend yield.

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