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**Condor Gold plc**  
("Condor" or "the Company")

## **Application submitted for an Environmental Permit for 100,000 oz p.a. Gold Mine at La India Project.**

Condor (AIM:CNR), is pleased to announce that it has completed an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") and has formally submitted an application for an Environmental Permit ("Environmental Permit") to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Nicaragua ("MARENA") for the construction and operation of an open pit mine, a CIL processing plant and associated infrastructure at La India Project, Nicaragua. The EIA is a 700 page document which considers the environmental and social impacts of gold production from the La India Open Pit mine plan detailed in the NI 43-101 compliant Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS") released in December 2014 and the recent Whittle Enterprise Optimisation study as announced on 20 October 2015 ("Whittle Optimisation"). The EIA draws on data from 15 different environmental and social baseline studies, some of which commenced in 2013. In addition to describing the potential impacts of a future commercial mine on the environment, the EIA also contains detailed environmental management plans and social management plans to monitor and control any such impacts.

The EIA follows the Terms of Reference issued by MARENA in May 2015 and is the principal document that will be assessed by MARENA in consideration of awarding the Environmental Permit. The Environmental Permit is the key permit for mining in Nicaragua. Many other permits, such as a water management permit, are conditional upon the grant of an Environmental Permit.

The EIA describes a processing plant that will have a capacity of between 2,200 tonnes per day ("tpd") (0.8million tonnes per annum ("tpa")) and 2,800tpd (1.0mtpa). During the first 5 years of production, using the 2,200tpd processing plant the PFS detailed 76,000 oz gold p.a. and the Whittle Optimisation 91,000 oz gold p.a. based on Indicated Ounces only. The Whittle Optimisation estimates 101,000 oz gold production p.a. once the Inferred Material is included using a 2,800tpd processing plant. The Whittle Optimisation increased contained gold within La India Open pit shell by 30% to 955,000 oz gold by pushing the pit deeper, increasing annual production by 20%, while keeping all in sustaining cash costs under US\$700 per oz gold. The EIA includes processing of an additional 10,000 oz of gold p.a. from artisanal miners through the main processing plant.

### **Mark Child CEO comments:**

"Condor Gold's completion of an Environmental Impact Assessment and application for an Environmental Permit was a key objective for us in 2015 and is a major step towards our plan of fully permitting a gold mine initially producing circa 100,000 oz gold p.a. from a single pit. The two feeder pits and underground production will be permitted at a later stage and could increase annual gold production by over 50%. Both the Ministry and Energy and Mines and Pro-Nicaragua, the inward investment Agency, have been steadfast in their support of re-opening Mina La India,

which closed in 1956. It will be a major boost to the local and national economy and large foreign direct investment from the U.K. Nicaragua has 3 large commercial mines, which produced a combined total of circa 250,000 oz gold in 2014; gold is Nicaragua's third largest export. Permitting and production from Mina La India could boost the third largest export by 40%".

### ***Competent Person's Declaration***

Information in this announcement that relates to the project evaluation, Preliminary Feasibility Study, engineering and mine planning is based on information compiled and/or reviewed by Gerald David Crawford, the Chief Technical Officer, who is a Registered Professional Engineer in the states of Colorado and Nevada and member of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, and a mining engineer with 38 years of experience in the design and evaluation of precious and base metal mineral resources. Mr. Crawford has worked for Condor Gold plc for the past 2 years and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the mining method and type of deposit under consideration, and to the type of activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person as defined under Canadian NI 43-101. Mr. Crawford consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears and confirms that this information is accurate and not false or misleading.

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### **About Condor Gold plc:**

Condor Gold plc was admitted to AIM on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006. The Company is a gold exploration and development company with a focus on Central America.

Condor published a Pre-Feasibility Study (“PFS”) on its wholly owned La India Project in Nicaragua in December 2014, as summarized in the Technical Report (as defined below). The PFS details an open pit gold mineral reserve in the Probable category of 6.9 million tonnes (“Mt”) at 3.0 grammes per tonne (“g/t”) gold for 675,000 ounces (“oz”) gold, producing 80,000 oz gold per annum for seven years. La India Project contains a mineral resource in the Indicated category of 9.6 Mt at 3.5 g/t for 1.08 million oz gold and a total mineral resource in the Inferred category of 8.5 Mt at 4.5 g/t for 1.23 million oz gold. The Indicated mineral resource is inclusive of the mineral reserve.

The mineral resource and reserve calculations disclosed herein were prepared by independent geologists SRK Consulting (UK) Limited. The mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates disclosed herein have an effective date of 21 December 2014 and 30 September 2014, respectively.

### **Technical Information**

The disclosure contained in this news release of a scientific or technical nature has been summarized or extracted from the Technical Report titled “*Technical Report on the La India Gold Project, Nicaragua, December 2014*”, with an effective date of December 21, 2014 (the “Technical Report”), prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“NI 43-101”). The Technical Report was prepared by or under the supervision of Tim Lucks, Principal Consultant (Geology & Project Management), Gabor Bacsfalusi, Principal Consultant (Mining), Benjamin Parsons, Principal Consultant (Resource Geology), each of SRK Consulting (UK) Limited, and Neil Lincoln of Lycopodium Minerals Canada Ltd., each of whom is an independent Qualified Person as such term is defined in NI 43-101.

David Crawford, Chief Technical Officer of the Company and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has approved the written disclosure in this press release.

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In El Salvador, Condor has an attributable 1,004,000 oz gold equivalent at 2.6g/t JORC compliant resource. The resource calculations are compiled by independent geologists SRK Consulting (UK) Limited for Nicaragua and Ravensgate and Geosure for El Salvador.

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