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## Petropavlovsk PLC

### Petropavlovsk 2016

#### Update on Debt and Gold Sales

*Petropavlovsk PLC, guarantor of the US\$125 million 8.25% guaranteed convertible bonds due 2024 issued by Petropavlovsk 2010 Limited and of the US\$500 million 8.125% guaranteed notes due 2022 issued by Petropavlovsk 2016 Limited, has today issued the following statement:*

Petropavlovsk PLC (“Petropavlovsk” or the “Company” and, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) provides an update on developments at its operating subsidiaries within the Russian Federation.

As previously announced:

- Petropavlovsk received notice from Gazprombank (“GPB”) requiring repayment of, in aggregate, c.US\$87.1m (including accrued interest) due under the Group’s Russian subsidiaries’ revolving credit facilities (the “RCFs”);
- it is a condition of the RCFs that GPB acts as offtaker of 100% of the Group’s gold production; and
- As a consequence of GPB’s designation under the UK’s Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the Group has not repaid the RCFs or sold gold to GPB.

GPB has issued waivers of its offtaker rights such that Petropavlovsk has been able to sell gold to third parties, and the Group has identified new buyers as well as applied for a gold export licence. However, the Group has also received a notice from GPB that the bank:

- may revoke such waivers at any time and may elect not to issue further waivers; and
- reserves the right to initiate judicial proceedings against certain Petropavlovsk subsidiaries in Russia for repayment of the RCFs.

If GPB were to take the action it refers to in its notice, including initiating judicial proceedings in Russia for the repayment of the RCFs (for example, by seeking an injunction to freeze the assets of the Russian subsidiaries, which the Group has been advised GPB is in a position to do notwithstanding the current moratorium on bankruptcy proceedings in Russia), it would cause a material adverse effect on the Group’s cash flow position and limit the Russian subsidiaries’ ability to meet obligations to employees and suppliers.

In light of the above, the Group’s four main operating companies – Pokrovskiy Rudnik JSC, Albynskiy Rudnik LLC, Malomirskiy Rudnik LLC and TEMI LLC – have applied to the Russian government for a waiver of the country’s current moratorium on bankruptcy filings. Once in place, the waiver will give the Group additional legal options to ensure uninterrupted operations and payment of salaries and other current expenses should there be any legal action by the subsidiaries’ creditors to recover debts owed.

This announcement contains inside information.

#### **About Petropavlovsk**

*Petropavlovsk PLC (LSE: POG. MOEX: POGR) is a major integrated Russian gold producer with JORC Resources of 19.50Moz Au which include Reserves of 7.16Moz Au. Following its IPO on the Alternative*

*Investment Market (AIM) in 2002, Petropavlovsk was promoted to the London Stock Exchange in 2009, where today it is a Premium Listed company. The Company's shares also trade on the Moscow Exchange and are a constituent of the RTS Index and MOEX Index.*

*The Company's key operating mines (Pioneer, Malomir and Albyn) and its Pokrovskiy Pressure Oxidation (POX) Hub are located in the Amur Region in the Russian Far East. Petropavlovsk has produced a total of c.8.8Moz of gold since operations began in 1994 and has a strong track record of mine development, expansion, and asset optimisation.*

*Petropavlovsk is one of the region's largest employers and one of the largest contributors to the sustainable development of the local economy.*

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