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Orla Mining heap leach pad, Solution pond, and Merrill-Crowe plant

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VANCOUVER, BC – June 13, 2022 – **Orla Mining Ltd.** (TSX: OLA; NYSE: ORLA) (“Orla” or the “Company”) and **Gold Standard Ventures Corp.** (“Gold Standard” or “GSV”) (TSX: GSV; NYSE: GSV) are pleased to announce that they have entered into a definitive agreement (the “Arrangement Agreement”) whereby Orla will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Gold Standard by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement (the “Transaction”).

Gold Standard’s key asset is the 100%-owned South Railroad Project (“South Railroad”), a feasibility-stage, open pit, heap leach project located on the prolific Carlin trend in Nevada.

In February 2022, Gold Standard completed a robust Feasibility Study and permitting activities are currently underway.

Gold Standard also owns the Lewis Project (“Lewis”), a large, strategically located, prospective land package on the Battle Mountain trend in Nevada.

## Orla Mining management comments

*“This acquisition advances our strategy of creating stakeholder value through responsibly building and operating a portfolio of high-margin, cash-generating assets with*

*superior geological prospectivity.*

*“The South Railroad Project is analogous to our recently completed Camino Rojo mine – a low capital intensity, open pit, heap leach project in a desirable location with exploration upside. We have the team, partners, and financial resources to develop this quality asset and we are ready to go.”*

**Jason Simpson, Chief Executive Officer of Orla Mining**

## **Transaction highlights**

Under the terms of the Transaction, Gold Standard shareholders will receive, in exchange for each Gold Standard common share (a “Gold Standard Share”) held, 0.1193 of a common share of Orla (each whole share, an “Orla Share”) and C\$0.0001 (the “Consideration”).

*The Consideration implies a purchase price of C\$0.655 per Gold Standard Share, or gross consideration of C\$242 million, and represents a 35% premium based on the close of Gold Standard’s and Orla’s share price on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) on June 10, 2022 and a 35% premium based on Gold Standard’s 10-day volume weighted average price (“VWAP”) on the TSX for the period ended June 10, 2022.*

Existing shareholders of Orla and Gold Standard will own approximately 87% and 13% of the pro forma company, respectively, following the close of the Transaction.

## ACQUISITION AND STRATEGIC RATIONALE

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Continues Orla's strategy of creating value for all stakeholders by responsibly building and operating high-margin mines in stable jurisdictions with superior geology.
- South Railroad is a low-complexity, feasibility-stage project with robust project economics and is analogous to the recently completed Camino Rojo Oxide Mine.
- South Railroad combined with the Camino Rojo Oxide Mine and Orla's robust organic growth pipeline in Mexico and Panama creates a path towards annual gold production of 500,000 ounces at industry leading all-in cost margins.
- Entry into Nevada with extensive and highly prospective land positions in the Carlin and Battle Mountain trends to underpin a long-term base of operations.
- Increases Orla's proven and probable reserve base to 3.8 million gold ounces and its measured and indicated mineral resources to 12.3 million gold ounces.
- South Railroad dovetails with Orla's robust project pipeline and is expected to be developed without further equity dilution for Orla shareholders.

## BENEFITS TO GOLD STANDARD SHAREHOLDERS

- Immediate upfront premium of 35%.
- Ongoing exposure to future value creating milestones at South Railroad and Lewis, as well as Orla's robust portfolio of high-quality producing and development assets.

- Participation in an established gold producer with proven construction capabilities, a strong exploration track record, and an industry leading low-cost growth profile.
- Significantly enhanced financial strength, cash flow generation, institutional investor following, trading liquidity, and opportunity for index inclusion.
- Leverages Orla's leadership and expertise in constructing and operating the Camino Rojo Oxide Mine, an open pit, heap leach operation with similar technical characteristics to the South Railroad project.
- Provides access to a strong balance sheet and robust cash flow generation to fund the construction of South Railroad and future exploration initiatives at reduced dilution, financing, development, and execution risk.

## Gold Standard Ventures management comments

*"We are excited to combine with Orla to create a leading gold producer with the potential to have multiple low-cost, low-complexity, open pit, heap leach operations in the near future.*

*"This transaction provides Gold Standard shareholders with an immediate upfront premium, exposure to a well-financed gold producer, and strong upside potential as Orla delivers and de-risks the combined asset portfolio.*

*"Based on their recent success in constructing the Camino*

*Rojo Oxide Mine on schedule and under budget, we believe that Orla is an ideal partner to bring South Railroad into production.”*

**Jason Attew, Chief Executive Officer of Gold Standard Ventures**

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