## FORM 9

# NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OR PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF LISTED SECURITIES

# (or securities convertible or exchangeable into listed securities)

Symbol(s):	
ASE	
□ No	
	ASE

If yes provide date(s) of prior Notices: April 26, 2022.

Issued and Outstanding Securities of Issuer Prior to Issuance: <u>As at August 9, 2022, 318,194,825 common shares of the Issuer ("Common Shares") were issued and outstanding.</u>

# **Pricing**

Date of news release announcing proposed issuance: **April 25, 2022.** 

Date of confidential request for price protection: **N/A.** 

Closing Market Price on Day Preceding the news release: <u>C\$2.00</u>, <u>being the closing</u> <u>price of the Common Shares on the CSE on April 22</u>, <u>2022</u>, <u>the last trading day prior to the announcement of the Acquisition (as defined herein)</u>.

Day preceding request for price protection: **N/A.** 

## Closing

Number of securities to be issued: 34,962,584 Common Shares.

Issued and outstanding securities following issuance: <u>353,157,409 Common Shares.</u>

## Instructions:

- 1. For private placements (including debt settlement), complete tables 1A and 1B in Part 1 of this form.
- 2. Complete Table 1A Summary for all purchasers, excluding those identified in Item 8.
- 3. Complete Table 1B Related Persons only for Related Persons.
- 4. If shares are being issued in connection with an acquisition (either as consideration or to raise funds for a cash acquisition) please proceed to Part 2 of this form.
- 5. An issuance of non-convertible debt does not have to be reported unless it is a significant transaction as defined in Policy 7, in which case it is to be reported on Form 10 Notice of Proposed Transaction.

6.	Post the completed Form 9 to the CSE website in accordance with <i>Policy</i> 6 - <i>Distributions</i> . In addition, the completed form must be delivered to <a href="mailto:listings@thecse.com">listings@thecse.com</a> with an appendix that includes the information in Table 1B fo ALL placees.

# Part 1. Private Placement

Table 1A - Summary

Each jurisdiction in which purchasers reside	Number of Purchasers	Price per Security	Total dollar value (CDN\$) raised in the jurisdiction
<u>N/A.</u>			
Total number of purchasers:			
Total dollar value of distribution in	n all jurisdictions	:	

# **Table 1B - Related Persons**

Full Name & Municipality of Residence of Placee	Number of Securities Purchased or to be Purchased	Purchase price per Security (CDN\$)	Conversion Price (if Applicable) (CDN\$)	Prospectus Exemption	Total Securities Previously Owned, Controlled or Directed	Payment Date(1)	Describe relations -hip to Issuer (2)
<u>N/A.</u>							

<sup>1</sup>An issuance of non-convertible debt does not have to be reported unless it is a significant transaction as defined in Policy 7, in which case it is to be reported on Form 10.

1.	Total amount of funds to be raised:
2.	Provide full details of the use of the proceeds. The disclosure should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the transaction without reference to any other material.
3.	Provide particulars of any proceeds which are to be paid to Related Persons of the Issuer:
4.	If securities are issued in forgiveness of indebtedness, provide details of the debt agreement(s) or and the agreement to exchange the debt for securities.

5.	Description of securities to be issued:			
	(a)	Class		
	(b)	Number		
	(c)	Price per security		
	(d)	Voting rights		
6.		e the following information if warrants, (options) or other convertible ties are to be issued:		
	(a)	Number		
	(b)	Number of securities eligible to be purchased on exercise of warrants (or options)		
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	(c)	Exercise price		
	(d)	Expiry date		
7.	Provid	e the following information if debt securities are to be issued:		
	(a)	Aggregate principal amount		
	(b)	Maturity date		
	(c)	Interest rate		
	(d)	Conversion terms		
	(e)	Default provisions		
8.	finder'	e the following information for any agent's fee, commission, bonus or s fee, or other compensation paid or to be paid in connection with the nent (including warrants, options, etc.):		
	(a)	Details of any dealer, agent, broker or other person receiving compensation in connection with the placement (name, and if a corporation, identify persons owning or exercising voting control over 20% or more of the voting shares if known to the Issuer):		
	(b)	Cash		
	(c)	Securities		

	(d)	Other
	(e)	Expiry date of any options, warrants etc
	(f)	Exercise price of any options, warrants etc
9.	compe	whether the sales agent, broker, dealer or other person receiving ensation in connection with the placement is Related Person or has any relationship with the Issuer and provide details of the relationship
10.		be any unusual particulars of the transaction (i.e. tax "flow through" s, etc.).
11.	State	whether the private placement will result in a change of control.
12.	of the	there is a change in the control of the Issuer resulting from the issuance private placement shares, indicate the names of the new controlling nolders.
13.	restric subjec until th	purchaser has been advised of the applicable securities legislation ted or seasoning period. All certificates for securities issued which are at to a hold period bear the appropriate legend restricting their transfers to expiry of the applicable hold period required by National Instrument Resale of Securities.

## Part 2. Acquisition

1. Provide details of the assets to be acquired by the Issuer (including the location of the assets, if applicable). The disclosure should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the transaction without reference to any other material:

On August 10, 2022, the Issuer completed its previously announced acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Red Back Mining Pty Ltd.

On April 24, 2022, KG Africa B.V. (the "Vendor"), Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross") and the Issuer entered into a share purchase agreement, as amended (the "Share Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which, among other things, the Issuer agreed to indirectly acquire Kinross' 90% interest in the Chirano Gold Mine (the "Chirano Mine") for total consideration of US\$225 million (the "Acquisition"). The Ghanaian government continues to retain a 10% carried interest in the Chirano Mine.

Pursuant to the terms of the Share Purchase Agreement, upfront consideration for the Acquisition was comprised of US\$60 million in cash and 34,962,584 Common Shares at a deemed issue price of C\$1.335 per Common Share (being the 30-day volume-weighted average price of the Common Shares prior to closing of the Acquisition ("Closing"), representing the equivalent value of approximately US\$36.2 million. Kinross will also receive approximately US\$128.8 million in deferred cash consideration, of which (i) US\$55 million will be payable within six months following the Closing, (ii) approximately US\$36.9 million will be payable on or before the first anniversary of the Closing, and (iii) approximately US\$36.9 million will be payable on or before the second anniversary of the Closing. Kinross has agreed that it will hold its Common Shares for at least 12 months following the Closing.

The Chirano Mine is an operating open-pit and underground mining operation located in south-western Ghana, immediately south of the Issuer's Bibiani Gold Mine. The Chirano Mine was explored and developed in 1996 and began production in October 2005. The Chirano Mine comprises Akwaaba, Suraw, Akoti South, Akoti North, Akoti Extended, Paboase, Tano, Obra South, Obra, Sariehu and Mamnao open pits and the Akwaaba and Paboase underground mines.

2. Provide details of the acquisition including the date, parties to and type of agreement (eg: sale, option, license etc.) and relationship to the Issuer. The disclosure should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the acquisition without reference to any other material:

## Please refer to Item 1 above.

3. Provide the following information in relation to the total consideration for the acquisition (including details of all cash, securities or other consideration) and any required work commitments:

All amounts converted into U.S. dollars or Canadian dollars are based on the Bank of Canada exchange rate as at August 9, 2022 of C\$1.2880 for every US\$1.00.

(a) Total aggregate consideration in Canadian dollars:

<u>C\$289,800,000 (US\$225,000,000). See Item 1 above.</u>

- (b) Cash: C\$243,122,259 (US\$188,759,518), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances noted in Item 1 above, which amount is comprised of the initial cash payment of C\$77,280,000 (US\$60,000,000) and an aggregate of C\$95,002,259 (US\$73,759,518) in deferred cash consideration.
- (c) Securities (including options, warrants etc.) and dollar value: <u>Please</u> refer to Item 1 above.
- (d) Other: N/A.
- (e) Expiry date of options, warrants, etc. if any: **N/A.**
- (f) Exercise price of options, warrants, etc. if any: **N/A.**
- (g) Work commitments: **N/A.**
- 4. State how the purchase or sale price was determined (e.g. arm's-length negotiation, independent committee of the Board, third party valuation etc).

## Arm's length negotiations.

5. Provide details of any appraisal or valuation of the subject of the acquisition known to management of the Issuer:

#### None.

6. The names of parties receiving securities of the Issuer pursuant to the acquisition and the number of securities to be issued are described as follows:

Name of Party (If not an individual, name all insiders of the Party)	Number and Type of Securities to be Issued	Dollar value per Security (CDN\$)	Conversion price (if applicable)	Prospectus Exemption	Total Securities, Previously Owned, Controlled or Directed by Party	Describe relationship to Issuer <sup>(1)</sup>
Kinross Gold Corporation	34,962,584	\$1.335	N/A	Section 2.13, NI 45-106	Nil	None

- (1) Indicate if Related Person
- 7. Details of the steps taken by the Issuer to ensure that the vendor has good title to the assets being acquired:

The Issuer conducted customary due diligence investigations for a transaction of this size and nature. In addition, the Share Purchase Agreement contains customary representations and warranties.

- 8. Provide the following information for any agent's fee, commission, bonus or finder's fee, or other compensation paid or to be paid in connection with the acquisition (including warrants, options, etc.):
  - (a) Details of any dealer, agent, broker or other person receiving compensation in connection with the acquisition (name, and if a corporation, identify persons owning or exercising voting control over 20% or more of the voting shares if known to the Issuer):

Canacccord Genuity Corp. and Durose Asset Management Inc. acted as the Issuer's financial advisors in connection with the Acquisition.

Under a finder's fee agreement with Induusi Resources Public Limited ("Induusi"), the Issuer acknowledged Induusi's prior interest in the Acquisition. Induusi also owns prospecting licences near the Chirano mining lease. It was agreed between the parties that Induusi will assign its interest in the Acquisition and further sell to the Issuer the Induusi owned prospecting licences together with further Induusi owned options over additional prospecting licences. In consideration for the assignment of the Chirano Mine interest and sale of properties and property options, it was agreed that in connection with the

closing of the Acquisition, the Issuer would pay to Induusi a finder's fee consisting of US\$1 million in cash, issue to Induusi 5,000,000 Common Shares and grant Induusi a 2% net smelter returns royalty over the Induusi prospecting licences to be transferred to the Issuer (the "Induusi Finder's Fee Arrangement"). Induusi has two common directors with the Issuer and the conflicting interest was declared. Accordingly, the board of directors of the Issuer the ("Board") appointed a Special Committee of independent directors to assess and negotiate the purchase of the Induusi interests. The Special Committee found the purchase of the Induusi interests and the finder's fee payable to be fair and to the benefit of the Issuer's shareholders. The Board, excluding the conflicted directors, approved the transaction. The Induusi Finder's Fee Arrangement has not been signed off by either party at this time.

- (b) Cash Canaccord Genuity Corp. received US\$1,750,000 in cash on Closing. Durose Asset Management Inc. received 1% of the value of the Acquisition in cash on Closing. Also refer to Item 8(a) above for cash payable pursuant to the Induusi Finder's Fee Arrangement.
- (c) Securities Refer to Item 8(a) above for Common Shares issuable pursuant to the Induusi Finder's Fee Arrangement.
- (d) Other Refer to Item 8(a) above with respect to the Induusi Finder's Fee Arrangement.

(e)	Expiry date of any options, warrants etc.
(f)	Exercise price of any options, warrants etc.

9. State whether the sales agent, broker or other person receiving compensation in connection with the acquisition is a Related Person or has any other relationship with the Issuer and provide details of the relationship.

Neither Canacccord Genuity Corp. nor Durose Asset Management Inc. is a Related Person of the Issuer. Also refer to Item 8(a) above with respect to the Induusi Finder's Fee Arrangement.

10. If applicable, indicate whether the acquisition is the acquisition of an interest in property contiguous to or otherwise related to any other asset acquired in the last 12 months.

N/A.

**Certificate Of Compliance** 

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- 1. The undersigned is a director and/or senior officer of the Issuer and has been duly authorized by a resolution of the board of directors of the Issuer to sign this Certificate of Compliance on behalf of the Issuer.
- 2. As of the date hereof there is not material information concerning the Issuer which has not been publicly disclosed.
- 3. The Issuer has obtained the express written consent of each applicable individual to:
  - (a) the disclosure of their information to the Exchange pursuant to this Form or otherwise pursuant to this filing; and
  - (b) the collection, use and disclosure of their information by the Exchange in the manner and for the purposes described in Appendix A or as otherwise identified by the Exchange, from time to time.
- 4. The undersigned hereby certifies to the Exchange that the Issuer is in compliance with the requirements of applicable securities legislation (as such term is defined in National Instrument 14-101) and all Exchange Requirements (as defined in CSE Policy 1).
- 5. All of the information in this Form 9 Notice of Issuance of Securities is true.

Dated August 12, 2022.

David Anthony
Name of Director or Senior
Officer
(signed) "David Anthony"
Signature
President and CEO
Official Capacity

## Appendix A

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTION POLICY REGARDING FORM 9

The Canadian Securities Exchange and its subsidiaries, affiliates, regulators and agents (collectively, "CSE" or the "Exchange") collect and use the information (which may include personal or other information) which has been provided in Form 9 for the following purposes:

- To determine whether an individual is suitable to be associated with a Listed Issuer:
- To determine whether an issuer is suitable for listing;
- To determine whether allowing an issuer to be listed or allowing an individual to be associated with a Listed Issuer could give rise to investor protection concerns or could bring the Exchange into disrepute;
- To conduct enforcement proceedings;
- To ensure compliance with Exchange Requirements and applicable securities legislation; and
- To fulfil the Exchange's obligation to regulate its marketplace.

The CSE also collects information, including personal information, from other sources, including but not limited to securities regulatory authorities, law enforcement and self-regulatory authorities, regulation service providers and their subsidiaries, affiliates, regulators and agents. The Exchange may disclose personal information to these entities or otherwise as provided by law and they may use it for their own investigations.

The Exchange may use third parties to process information or provide other administrative services. Any third party will be obliged to adhere to the security and confidentiality provisions set out in this policy.

All personal information provided to or collected by or on behalf of The Exchange and that is retained by The Exchange is kept in a secure environment. Only those employees who need to know the information for the purposes listed above are permitted access to the information or any summary thereof. Employees are instructed to keep the information confidential at all times.

Information about you that is retained by the Exchange and that you have identified as inaccurate or obsolete will be corrected or removed.

If you wish to consult your file or have any questions about this policy or our practices, please write the Chief Privacy Officer, Canadian Securities Exchange, 220 Bay Street – 9th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5J 2W4.