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SOON MINING LIMITED (ASX: SMG)
QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### **EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES:**

### Kwahu Praso Project (100% SMG)

In this quarter, the Company progressed significant in its EPA application. The public hearing was held in Kwahu Praso on 5 February 2020. It was hosted by both the EPA head office in Accra and the EPA office in the Eastern Region. The Minerals Commission, the Chief Executive of Asanti Akim South Municipal Assembly, the Chief Executive of Kwahu South District Assembly and other distinguished guests were invited to attend the public hearing. The event was attended by dozens of chiefs from Kwaku and Asanti, whom were headed by Kwahu Obohene, along with community representatives from 13 major villages in the mining concession and over 1,000 local residents.

The EPA promoted the government's policies and position, and the Company also explained its mining policies and future social responsibility plans for the villages and communities in the mining concession area. Other than a few residents of Osubeng who were inquisitive, most of the participants expressed their support for the Company and spoke enthusiastically during the meeting. The public hearing established a bridge of good communication between the Company and the local communities.

After the successful completion of the public hearing, the Company and EPA consultants continued to work with the EPA to complete the ESIA follow-up report in order to deliver the report to the EPA as soon as possible. However, due to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Ghana, on 15 March 2020, the president of Ghana restricted all public gatherings. Starting from 22 March 2020, travel restrictions on Ghana's borders, either by land, sea and air, were closed. From 30 March 2020 and up to 19 April 2020, Ghana's capital Accra and other major cities are on a COVID-19 lockdown, and government agencies have reduced activities. While there are signs that restrictions are easing, total restrictions have not been lifted, and government agencies are still working on reduced capacity, which will inevitably delay the EPA permit application.

However, the Company still keep close and open communication with the village chiefs, community representatives and local youth leaders, so as to carry out the mining activities smoothly after obtaining the EPA permit.

# Joint Venture

During the quarter, the Company main focus was on the EPA progress of the Kwahu Praso Project and hence the Joint Venture Akeum Adukrom Project was temporarily put on hold. The Company intends to progress with this as soon as possible.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Finally, we wish to advise Shareholders that, in light of the current COVID-19 crisis situation, the Company's AGM will be held later than the regular meeting held in May. An update and Notice of Meeting will be shared with Shareholders as soon as possible.

## Disclosure of Information relating to Listing Rule 5.3

- 5.3.1: Refer to the 'Quarterly Activities Report' above for more details.
- 5.3.2: There are no existing activities relating to production as at 31 March 2020.
- 5.3.3: The Company held a project near Kwahu Praso in the Kwahu South District, which is in the Eastern Region of Ghana. It is approximately 130 km northwest of Accra, the capital of Ghana.

The Project concession covers an area of 82.74 km² including 63.0 km² within the mining lease area and the surrounding 19.74 km² retained under a prospecting license. The mining lease has a mining tenure of 14 years with a current expiry date of 11 July 2027. The prospecting license is currently in the process of renewal.

There were no mining tenements acquired or disposed of during the quarter.

 $There \ are \ no \ beneficial \ percentage \ interests \ held \ in \ farm-in \ or \ farm-out \ agreements \ at \ the \ end \ of \ the \ quarter.$ 

There were no beneficial percentage interests in farm-in or farm-out agreements acquired or disposed of during the quarter.

ENDS Ching-Tiem Huang Chairman and Managing Director