



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### OCEANAGOLD AND ROMARCO ANNOUNCE COMPLETION OF THE PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT

(MELBOURNE) and (TORONTO) OceanaGold Corporation (**TSX/ASX/NZX: OGC**) ("**OceanaGold**") and Romarco Minerals Inc. (**TSX: R**) ("**Romarco**") are pleased to announce that they have completed the Plan of Arrangement (the "**Arrangement**") initially announced on July 30, 2015, pursuant to which OceanaGold acquired all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Romarco. Romarco's flagship project is the fully permitted, in-construction, Haile Gold Mine located in South Carolina and the current construction schedule contemplates first production during the fourth quarter of 2016.

In connection with the Arrangement, Diane Garrett, the President & CEO of Romarco prior to the Arrangement, will join the Board of Directors of OceanaGold, as Romarco's Board nominee, effective immediately.

"The completion of our transaction with Romarco has transformed OceanaGold into a new leader within the intermediate gold sector and the addition of the Haile gold mine enhances our existing portfolio of high margin, high quality operating assets. Our experienced development and operating professionals are looking forward to joining forces with the existing development team to bring Haile into production", said Mick Wilkes, Managing Director & CEO of OceanaGold. "This transaction cements OceanaGold as the low cost gold producer, globally. We thank the Shareholders of both OceanaGold and Romarco for their overwhelming support for the transaction and look forward to immediately transitioning towards execution and delivering on our strategic initiatives", he continued.

Diane Garrett, the President & CEO of Romarco stated: "I would like to thank all the Romarco shareholders for their long-term commitment and support of the entire Romarco team. The combination of OceanaGold and Romarco creates a compelling low-cost, intermediate gold producer and brings together two highly experienced technical teams."

Romarco's common shares will be delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and the OTC Markets in accordance with the rules of each exchange. OceanaGold intends to cause Romarco to submit an application to cease to be a reporting issuer and to otherwise terminate its public reporting requirements as soon as possible thereafter.

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**About OceanaGold**

OceanaGold Corporation is a significant multinational gold producer with mines located in New Zealand and the Philippines. The Company's assets encompass New Zealand's largest gold mining operation at the Macraes Goldfield in Otago which is made up of the Frasers and Coronation open pits and the Frasers underground mine. On the west coast of the South Island, the Company operates the Reefton Open Pit mine. At the end of April 2015, the Company announced the acquisition of the high quality Waihi Gold Mine located on the North Island of New Zealand where the transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2015. In the Philippines, OceanaGold owns and operates its flagship operation, the Didipio Gold-Copper Mine located on the island of Luzon. OceanaGold has a pipeline of organic growth and exploration opportunities in the Australasia and Americas regions. The Company recently acquired Romarco Minerals Inc. whose principal asset is the world-class Haile Gold Mine which is currently in construction and located in South Carolina, United States.

OceanaGold has operated sustainably over the past 25 years with a proven track record for environmental management and community and social engagement. The Company has a strong social license to operate and works collaboratively with its valued stakeholders to identify and invest in social programs that are designed to build capacity and not dependency.

In 2015, the Company expects to produce and attribute 380,000 to 410,000 ounces of gold from the combined New Zealand and Didipio operations (assuming completion of the Waihi transaction) and produce 22,000 to 23,500 tonnes of copper from the Didipio operation.

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