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## 2022 Annual General Meeting Chairman's Address

Welcome and thank you for attending the 2022 Sihayo Gold Annual General Meeting. As Executive Chairman of the Company, it is my pleasure to chair this meeting and to update you on our progress.

The past twelve months has seen significant progress for Sihayo with the Company advancing the Sihayo Starter Project as well as pursuing a number of exploration programs on the Sihayo-Pungkut 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Contract of Works.

The completion of the Feasibility Study Update in February this year has provided a technically robust design for the Sihayo Starter Project. In addition to consolidating the extensive technical work conducted over the Project's history, the Feasibility Study Update also identified opportunities for potential to increase the Project's value. The key opportunity identified during the latest round of study work was the use of high pH (caustic) leaching to increase metallurgical recoveries. An extensive metallurgical test work program followed the study, indicating the potential to increase the project's life-of-mine metallurgical recoveries from 71%, as adopted in the Feasibility Study Update, to 80 – 85%.

Caustic leaching presents a truly transformational change for the Sihayo Starter Project. The increase in metallurgical recoveries not only increases gold production from the existing Ore Reserves, but potentially allows for economic extraction of additional mineralisation previously considered uneconomic. This is particularly exciting for the Company given there is significant mineralisation beneath the existing Sihayo pit that has historically not been included in the Ore Reserves estimates due to the assumed low recoveries for this mineralisation. The company has initiated an exploration program as well as an underground mining study to further assess the potential to mine the mineralisation beneath the Sihayo pit.

As identified in the Feasibility Study Update, the value of the Sihayo Starter Project is highly leveraged to revenue factors including life-of-mine gold production. As such, the Company has pursued an aggressive exploration program targeting near mine prospects to provide additional plant feed to the Sihayo Starter Project. The Company's exploration activities over the past twelve months have delivered a maiden Inferred Mineral Resource at the Sihorbo South target in the Hutabargot Julu prospect, located approximately 6 km from the proposed Sihayo plant site. The most recent drilling targeting beneath pit mineralisation at Sihayo has confirmed existing high grade mineralisation trends as well as extensions to known mineralisation. The Company's next drilling program will again target mineralisation at depth at Sihayo with the aim of further increasing the project's Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

Updates to the Ore Reserves and results from the next Sihayo drilling program are expected early in the new year. The Company also continues to assess opportunities for ongoing funding and will provide updates to the market when appropriate.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who has assisted the Company in advancing the Sihayo Starter Project and the exploration programs undertaken during the past year, including my fellow Directors, all Sihayo employees, consultants and contractors. Your assistance is much appreciated.

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This announcement has been approved by the Board of Sihayo Gold Limited.

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