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# **ENDEAVOUR RESPONDS TO CENTAMIN PRESS RELEASE**

George Town, December 19, 2019 – Endeavour Mining Corporation (TSX:EDV) (OTCQX:EDVMF) ("Endeavour") notes the announcement of Centamin plc ("Centamin") published on December 18, 2019.

From its first, private approach to Centamin on November 11, 2019, Endeavour sought constructive engagement with the Centamin Board in respect of a potential combination, but this was not forthcoming. As a result, the only course of action open to Endeavour was to communicate directly with Centamin's shareholders. Since then, although Endeavour has made a number of concessions, including signing an NDA and standstill in good faith in order to make progress, the nature of the interaction from Centamin continues to suggest that it is unwilling to explore meaningfully the potential benefits of a merger.

Due to the lack of meaningful engagement by Centamin, both before and during the current "put up or shut up" period ("PUSU"), there is now insufficient time remaining before the current PUSU deadline of December 31, 2019 for the necessary reciprocal due diligence exercise to take place. Endeavour will only proceed if it can complete a proper and comprehensive due diligence exercise, including technical analysis and site visits.

Endeavour continues to believe in the strategic merits of the combination for both sets of shareholders, and therefore urges Centamin to request that the Takeover Panel consents to an extension of the current PUSU period to January 31, 2020, to enable completion of the necessary reciprocal due diligence exercise, which cannot realistically be completed in 7 working days.

A further announcement will be made when appropriate.

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### ABOUT ENDEAVOUR MINING CORPORATION

Endeavour Mining Corporation is a TSX listed intermediate African gold producer with a solid track record of operational excellence, project development and exploration in the highly prospective Birimian greenstone belt in West Africa. Endeavour is focused on offering both near-term and long-term growth opportunities with its project pipeline and its exploration strategy, while generating immediate cash flow from its operations. Endeavour operates 4 mines across Côte d'Ivoire (Agbaou and Ity) and Burkina Faso (Houndé and Karma). For more information, please visit www.endeavourmining.com.

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#### **ABOUT CENTAMIN PLC**

Centamin plc is a mineral exploration, development and mining company, dual listed on the London and Toronto Stock Exchange. Its principal asset, the Sukari Gold Mine ("SGM"), is located in the Eastern Desert approximately 700 kilometers from Cairo and 25 kilometers from the Red Sea. SGM began production in 2009 and is the first large scale modern gold mine in Egypt. SGM is jointly owned by Pharaoh Gold Mines NL and Egyptian Mineral Resource Authority. In addition to the SGM production asset, Centamin has a number of exploration projects, the most advanced of which are located in highly prospective regions within Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso. The company's exploration licence holdings include 2,721 km<sup>2</sup> in Côte d'Ivoire and 1,850 km<sup>2</sup> in Burkina Faso.

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