

NEWS RELEASE

Kinross announces end of strike at Tasiast mine

Toronto, Ontario – **June, 13, 2016** – Kinross Gold Corporation (TSX:K; NYSE: KGC) announced that the strike by unionized employees at its Tasiast mine that began on May 24, 2016 has ended. Striking employees began returning to work on June 11, 2016 and negotiations with the staff delegates on a new collective labour agreement and other outstanding items is expected to re-commence within ten days. Employees retain the right to strike during negotiations subject to Mauritanian labour laws.

The strike is not expected to impact the Company's annual regional guidance and did not affect development of the Tasiast Phase One expansion.

About Kinross Gold Corporation

Kinross is a Canadian-based senior gold mining company with mines and projects in the United States, Brazil, Russia, Mauritania, Chile and Ghana. Our focus is on delivering value based on the core principles of operational excellence, balance sheet strength, disciplined growth and responsible mining. Kinross maintains listings on the Toronto Stock Exchange (symbol:K) and the New York Stock Exchange (symbol:KGC).

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