

Lydian Provides Corporate Update

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TORONTO, Aug. 29, 2018 - [Lydian International Ltd.](#) (TSX: LYD) ("Lydian" or "the Company") announced today that it has received an inspection report for the Company's 100%-owned Amulsar Gold Project from the Republic of Armenia Environmental and Mining Inspection Body in connection with the previously announced compliance audits of Armenia's mining sector.

Following the audit, the Environmental and Mining Inspection Body made the following recommendations:

- Improve annual statistical reports;
- Restore any agricultural land that was disturbed during construction activities;
- Decommission two temporary mobile crushers that were not contemplated in the original construction program;
- Review and modify the permit for higher than expected static-sources-generated atmospheric emissions;
- Install temporary fencing around construction areas and construct a site carwash station to prevent mud from being carried offsite; and
- Manage and document hazardous waste (such as, oils and diesel) disposal through appropriately licensed means.

The Company will work with the government to address these matters in an expeditious manner. The regulatory process allows Lydian to appeal any of these recommendations within a two-month period following receipt of this report.

Following the inspection report, Mr. Artur Grigoryan, head of the Republic of Armenia Environmental and Mining Inspection Body, directed the Company to refrain from any mining-related activities until the Ministry of Nature Protection conducts a study of ecological factors regarding Mr. Grigoryan's statement in which he alleges newly found red-listed plants and animal species, specifically, the fact that *Acantholimon caryophyllaceum* Boiss plant species and *Parnassius apollo* animal species have been identified at the Amulsar Gold Project for the first time. The Company disagrees with this finding based on the Company's previously accepted Environmental Impact Assessment and intends to take all necessary action to reverse this assertion, including appealing the issuance of the directive.

Mr. Joao Carrelo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lydian, stated, "We will work with the Environmental and Mining Inspection Body to address its concerns and consider its recommendations. However, we do not believe Mr. Grigoryan's directive is applicable and are taking actions to have it withdrawn. We continue to work with the government and our stakeholders to re-enter the site and respond to the audit recommendations as appropriate."

About Lydian International Limited

Lydian is a gold developer focusing on construction at its 100%-owned Amulsar Gold Project, located in south-central Armenia. Amulsar will be a large-scale, low-cost operation with production targeted to average approximately 225,000 ounces annually over an initial 10-year mine life. Open pit mining and conventional heap leach processing contribute to excellent scale and economic potential. Estimated mineral resources contain 3.5 million measured and indicated gold ounces and 1.3 million inferred gold ounces as outlined in the Q1 2017 Technical Report. Existing mineral resources beyond current reserves and open extensions provide opportunities to improve average annual production and extend the mine life. Lydian is committed to good international industry practices in all aspects of its operations including production, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility. For more information and to directly contact us, please visit www.lydianinternational.co.uk.

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