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Wanguo Gold Group Limited
萬國黃金集團有限公司

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VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT
AN ARSON INCIDENT OCCURRED AT GOLD RIDGE MINE IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

This announcement is made by Wanguo Gold Group Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") on a voluntary basis**.**

On 20 January 2026, an arson incident occurred at the mine site of our subsidiary, Gold Ridge Mining Limited ("**GRML**"), a company incorporated in the Solomon Islands. GRML owns the mining license and the exploration license in respect of Gold Ridge Project concerning the exploitation and operations of the gold mine located on the island of Guadalcanal, the central island of the Solomon Islands, approximately 30 km south-east of the capital city Honiara in the Solomon Islands.

At approximately 22:00 hours on 20 January 2026 Solomon Islands time, a group of unknown individuals entered the Gold Ridge Mine open-pit area and damaged the GRML's machinery. More than ten machines sustained varying degrees of damage during the incident. No injuries were sustained.

Recently, the Solomon Islands Government has intensified mine area management, deciding to crack down on illegal gold panning activities and requiring illegal gold panners to vacate the mining zone. GRML has been working closely with the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force ("**RSIPF**") and surrounding landowners over recent months to manage illegal mining activities within the mining lease area. Following last night's incident, GRML is again fully cooperating with RSIPF officers and landowner chiefs in order to investigate the root cause of the incident and identify the individuals responsible. At this stage, there is no immediate safety risk to personnel and surrounding communities.

The Group will continue to closely monitor developments in this matter and further strengthen safety measures at the mining site to ensure the protection of personnel and assets. Concurrently, we will maintain close communication with the Solomon Islands government to facilitate a proper resolution of the incident and safeguard the project's normal operations.

At present, the production operations at Gold Ridge Mine in the Solomon Islands are proceeding normally. The Company will closely monitor the subsequent progress of the incident and make further appropriate information disclosure in a timely manner.

By Order of the Board
Wanguo Gold Group Limited
Gao Mingqing
Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 January 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Gao Mingqing (Chairman), Ms. Gao Jinzhu, Mr. Liu Zhichun and Mr. Wang Guobiao as executive directors; Mr. Wang Renxiang as a non-executive director; and Mr. Tsang Wai Hung, Mr. Wong Chi Ming Ming and Mr. Wang Xin as independent non-executive directors.