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High Desert Gold Responds to Unsolicited Take-over Bid

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High Desert Gold Corporation (“HDG” or the “Company”) has become aware, via press release of Northern Financial Corporation (“Northern”), of its intent to make an unsolicited offer to purchase all the issued and outstanding common shares of HDG at a price of Cdn\$0.19 per share.

HDG’s board of directors has appointed a special committee of directors (“Special Committee”) to evaluate the unsolicited bid of Northern, consider other alternatives and make recommendations to the board of directors and shareholders. The Special Committee is in the process of retaining a financial advisor. The Company plans to provide feedback on this unsolicited bid in due course. In the interim, the Company urges shareholders not to take any action with respect to the proposed offer.

The Company is a mineral exploration company that acquires and explores mineral properties, primarily gold, copper and silver, in North America. The two major properties held by HDG are the flagship Canasta Dorada gold property in Sonora, Mexico, and the Gold Lake porphyry copper-gold-molybdenum property in New Mexico.

Additional information concerning HDG may be obtained on HDG’s website, www.highdesertgoldcorp.com, and on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com, under HDG’s profile.