



**NEWCREST ENTERS INTO AN OPTION AND EARN-IN AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE UP TO A 75% INTEREST IN GUNPOINT'S APPALOOSA PROPERTY FOR PAYMENTS TOTALING US\$5 MILLION, INCURRING US\$35 MILLION IN EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES AND DELINEATING A MINIMUM 1.0 MILLION OUNCE GOLD INDICATED RESOURCE**

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - September 28, 2022) - Gunpoint Exploration Ltd. (TSXV: GUN) ("Gunpoint" or the "Company") is pleased to announce it has signed an option and earn-in agreement (the "Agreement") with Newcrest Resources Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Newcrest Mining Limited, (ASX, TSX, PNGX: NCM) ("Newcrest") to explore Gunpoint's Appaloosa property ("Appaloosa" or the "Property"), located in Nevada, USA.

Appaloosa is an underexplored 7 kilometer long mineralized structural zone situated within Gunpoint's Talapoosa gold-silver project's ("Talapoosa") large land package in central Nevada. Appaloosa hosts a broad and extensive hydrothermal system that is subparallel and 1 kilometer northeast of the Talapoosa trend. Zones of silicification extend up to 300-400 meters wide. The presence of low temperature silica flooding over a large area with low temperature quartz veining and stockwork are indications of the top of a major quartz- adularia precious metal system.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Newcrest has the right to acquire, in multiple stages, up to a 75% interest in Appaloosa for cumulative exploration and development expenditures of US\$35 million, cash payments totaling US\$5 million to Gunpoint and completing a minimum indicated resource estimate of 1.0 million gold ounces.

**Agreement Summary Structure**

Stage	Payments	Expenditure	Newcrest Interest (%)	Time Schedule
<b>Investigation</b>	<b>US\$250,000</b>	-	-	<b>Until Jan 21, 2023</b>
<b>Option Phase</b>	<b>US\$750,000</b>	<b>US\$2,000,000<sup>1</sup></b>	-	<b>18 months</b>
<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>US\$1,500,000</b>	<b>US\$10,000,000</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>Stage 2<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>US\$1,000,000</b>	<b>US\$23,000,000</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>US\$1,500,000</b>	<b>Minimum Mineral Resource Estimate of 1.0 million gold ounces</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>2 years</b>

(1) Minimum expenditure commitment required by Newcrest if it elects to enter into the Option Phase

(2) If Newcrest elects to terminate Stage 2 or does not earn the additional 14%, Newcrest's interest in Appaloosa will decrease to a 49% interest

Randy Reifel, President of Gunpoint, commented "we are pleased to welcome Newcrest, a senior gold mining company, as a partner in Appaloosa. Newcrest has a track record of being able to identify high quality assets and provides a strong endorsement. Appaloosa has an impressive district scale hydrothermal alteration footprint and the Newcrest relationship could potentially lead to a major gold discovery. As well, given the current challenging equity markets, this transaction will not be share dilutive to our shareholders. Gunpoint will prioritize its focus on resource expansion at Talapoosa with several step-out drill targets identified."

### **Investigation and Option Phases**

Gunpoint will receive US\$250,000 upon signing the Agreement. Newcrest will have until January 21, 2023, to investigate and explore Appaloosa. Newcrest may then elect to enter into the Option Phase and continue to explore Appaloosa by providing a US\$750,000 cash payment to Gunpoint and undertaking US\$2.0 million in exploration expenditures (minimum commitment). The Option Phase is an 18 month period from signing the Agreement. Newcrest will not earn a vested interest in Appaloosa during the Investigation and Option Phases.

### **Terms of Earn-In Agreement**

The earn-in phase consists of three stages whereby Newcrest can earn up to a 75% interest in Appaloosa over an eight year period. Newcrest will act as manager during the earn-in phase.

#### **Stage 1 Phase**

Newcrest may elect to earn a 51% interest by providing a cash payment to Gunpoint of US\$1.5 million and funding US\$10.0 million in exploration expenditures over 3 years. The Stage 1 Phase may be extended by Newcrest for one year on payment to Gunpoint of US\$250,000 or for force majeure.

#### **Stage 2 Phase**

Upon Newcrest's election, Newcrest may earn an additional 14% interest for a total of 65% by making a cash payment to Gunpoint of US\$1.0 million and spending an additional US\$23.0 million over 3 years in exploration expenditures (total of US\$35.0 million). To earn the additional 14% interest, Newcrest is required to spend US\$5.0 million in exploration expenditures per twelve month period during the 3 years.

If Newcrest does not make such election or does not earn the additional 14% interest in Appaloosa in Stage 2, then Newcrest's interest will decrease to 49% and Gunpoint will have the right to elect to purchase the 49% interest for Fair Value. The Stage 2 Phase may be extended by Newcrest for one year on payment to Gunpoint of US\$250,000 or for force majeure.

#### **Stage 3 Phase**

If Newcrest elects to proceed to the Stage 3 Phase of the earn-in, it will make a US\$1.5 million cash payment to Gunpoint and have the right to earn an additional 10% interest (75% total) by delivering a JORC or National Instrument 43-101 compliant indicated mineral resource of at least 1.0 million ounces gold. The Stage 3 Phase may be extended by Newcrest for one year on payment to Gunpoint of US\$250,000 or for force majeure.

#### **Purchase Option**

If Newcrest has earned a 75% interest in Appaloosa, Newcrest will have the option, within 120 days, to acquire Gunpoint's remaining 25% interest for the greater of Fair Value and US\$25.0 million.

#### **Additional Terms**

The Agreement contains the following additional terms:

- A joint venture will be formed by Newcrest and Gunpoint when Newcrest acquires its 51% interest in the Project.
- After the earn-in Phase, funding will be pro rata, however, prior to a decision to mine, a party may elect to dilute instead of providing funding in which case straight line dilution shall apply, otherwise a failure to meet cash calls will result in an event of default which may be remedied by accelerated dilution. If a party has less than a 10% interest, then this interest is

- converted to a 2% NSR. The non-diluting party has a right of first refusal on the 2% NSR.
- Both parties have a right of first refusal on a sale of the other party's interest in Appaloosa.
  - During the earn-in phase, Gunpoint may not grant a royalty or stream financing at Appaloosa. After the earn-in phase, provided Newcrest has earned a 65% interest in Appaloosa, Newcrest has a right of first refusal on any royalty or stream at Appaloosa that Gunpoint seeks to grant.
  - Newcrest has a right of first refusal on a sale, earn-in, royalty or stream at Talapoosa sought to be entered into by Gunpoint during the earn-in phases and additionally while Newcrest owns at least a 51% interest in Appaloosa. If Newcrest exercises this right, it must pay to Gunpoint 105% of the price offered by the third party.

This transaction is not subject to TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") acceptance as it is deemed an exempt transaction under the policies of the TSXV.

#### **About Gunpoint Exploration Ltd.**

Gunpoint owns Talapoosa, an open pit, high grade gold-silver project in Nevada. Talapoosa has a NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate by Tetra Tech WEI Inc., with a measured and indicated mineral resource of 1.1 million ounces of gold and 13.6 million ounces of silver at an average grade of 1.11 g/t and 15 g/t, respectively. Inferred mineral resources add an additional 233,500 ounces of gold at 0.72 g/t and 2.2 million ounces of silver at 6.65 g/t.

The technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Charlie Ronkos, P. Geo, Director of the Company, a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*.

For more information on Gunpoint, please visit our website at [www.gunpointexploration.com](http://www.gunpointexploration.com) or contact Randy Reifel, President, at (604) 731-2219.

#### **GUNPOINT EXPLORATION LTD.**

"P. Randy Reifel"

President

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