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("Hummingbird", the "Group" or the "Company")

# Extension of PUSU Deadline under Rule 2.6(c) of the Code

On 6 November 2024, the Board of Hummingbird (the "Board") announced that it had received a proposal from Nioko Resources Corporation ("Nioko") and CIG SA ("CIG") for a debt-to-equity conversion by CIG, whereby the principal amount outstanding under the New CIG Loan would be converted into new ordinary shares in the capital of the Company to be issued to CIG's subsidiary, Nioko, at a conversion price of 2.6777 pence per Ordinary Share (the "Debt-to-Equity Conversion"), and possible cash offer for the entire issued ordinary share capital of the Company that it does not hold at a price of 2.6777 pence per Ordinary share (the "Offer Price").

Nioko and CIG are required, by no later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 4 December 2024 (the "PUSU Deadline"), to either announce a firm intention to make an offer ("Possible Offer") for Hummingbird in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that they do not intend to make an offer for Hummingbird, in which case the announcement would be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies.

Nioko and CIG have confirmed that the due diligence exercise referenced in Hummingbird's announcement on 6 November 2024 is progressing and discussions between Hummingbird, CIG and Nioko remain ongoing.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code, the Board has requested, and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") has consented to, an extension to the deadline by which Nioko and CIG are required either to announce a firm intention to make an offer for Hummingbird in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or to announce that they does not intend to make an offer, until 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 3 January 2025 (the "Revised PUSU Deadline"). The Revised PUSU Deadline may only be extended with the agreement of Hummingbird and the Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

In accordance with Rule 2.5(a) of the Code, Nioko reserves the right to make an offer for the Company at a lower value than the Offer Price: (i) with the agreement or recommendation of the Board of the Company; or (ii) if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for the Company which, at that date, is of a value less than the value of the Offer Price. If the Company declares, makes or pays any further dividend or distribution or other return of value or payment to its shareholders, Nioko reserves the right to make an equivalent reduction to the Offer Price. Nioko reserves the right to vary the form and / or mix of the consideration it would offer. Nioko further reserves the right to waive any of the pre-conditions to the Possible Offer referred to above or to subject the Possible Offer to additional conditions or pre-conditions.

This statement is being made by Hummingbird with the approval of Nioko and CIG. While discussions are ongoing, there is no certainty that a firm offer will be made, even if any pre-conditions are satisfied or waived. A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate. Shareholders of Hummingbird Resources are strongly advised not to take any action at this time.

Capitalised terms in this announcement, unless otherwise defined, have the same meaning given to them in the announcement issued by the Company on 6 November 2024.

#### Notes to Editors

Hummingbird Resources plc (AIM: HUM) is a leading multi-asset, multi-jurisdiction gold producing company, member of the World Gold Council and founding member of Single Mine Origin (<a href="www.singlemineorigin.com">www.singlemineorigin.com</a>). The Company currently has two core gold projects, the operational Yanfolila Gold Mine in Mali, and the Kouroussa Gold Mine in Guinea, which will more than double current gold production once at commercial production. Furthermore, the Company has a controlling interest in the Dugbe Gold Project in Liberia that is being developed by joint venture partners, Pasofino Gold Limited. The final feasibility results on Dugbe showcase 2.76Moz in Reserves and strong economics such as a 3.5-year capex payback period once in production, and a 14-year life of mine at a low AISC profile. Our vision is to continue to grow our asset base, producing profitable ounces, while central to all we do being our Environmental, Social & Governance ("ESG") policies and practices.

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