



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Petropavlovsk PLC

#### Statement on Events in Ukraine

Petropavlovsk PLC ("Petropavlovsk" or the "Company" or, together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") today reports that its mining operations, which are located in the Far East of Russia, currently continue without interruption despite the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

No member of the Group has to date been named in the sanctions against Russia announced by the United Kingdom, United States, European Union and other nations. The Company is ensuring that appropriate systems and procedures are put in place to verify that it is not conducting restricted forms of business with any sanctioned parties. Petropavlovsk will continue to identify and analyse potential risks to its business as a result of sanctions, countermeasures adopted by the Russian Federation, and trading decisions announced by private companies.

A significant risk at present is the potential disruption to the supply chain. Company management initiated contingency planning on day one of the crisis to mitigate this risk and ensure that operations continue uninterrupted. This included assessing existing stocks of imported parts and materials, immediately procuring additional supplies where necessary, and identifying replacement suppliers.

Petropavlovsk continues to sell gold, as before, to domestic commercial banks at London fixing and is therefore not affected by export controls at this time.

The Company has sufficient funds available to service its current debt. Management continues to examine opportunities for refinancing the remaining US\$306m of the Company's 8.125% guaranteed notes maturing later this year.

Petropavlovsk's Board of Directors and senior management have contacted employees throughout the Group to offer them support during this difficult time and would like to thank them for their continued hard work and dedication.

#### **About Petropavlovsk**

*Petropavlovsk PLC (LSE: POG. MOEX: POGR) is a major integrated Russian gold producer with JORC Resources of 19.50Moz Au which include Reserves of 7.16Moz Au. Following its IPO on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) in 2002, Petropavlovsk was promoted to the London Stock Exchange in 2009, where today it is a Premium Listed company and a constituent of the FTSE Small Cap and FTSE All Share indices. The Company's shares also trade on the Moscow Exchange and are a constituent of the RTS Index and MOEX Index.*

*The Company's key operating mines (Pioneer, Malomir and Albyn) and its Pokrovskiy Pressure Oxidation (POX) Hub are located in the Amur Region in the Russian Far East. Petropavlovsk has produced a total of c.8.7Moz of gold since operations began in 1994 and has a strong track record of mine development, expansion, and asset optimisation.*

*Petropavlovsk is one of the region's largest employers and one of the largest contributors to the sustainable development of the local economy.*

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