



New Gold Provides COVID-19 Update at Rainy River Mine

April 21, 2021 – New Gold Inc. (“New Gold” or the “Company”) (TSX and NYSE American: **NGD**) today announces that three employees at the Rainy River Mine in northwestern Ontario received positive COVID-19 test results. An additional seven employees have tested non-negative with the in-house PCR device and the mine is awaiting confirmation from the Northwestern Health Unit (“NWHU”). All affected individuals have been isolated and are no longer on site.

“The Company has a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan in place and the health and safety of our workforce, and our communities remain our number one concern. We will support all initiatives that align with that objective,” stated Renaud Adams, President and CEO.

Operations continue at the Rainy River Mine and the Company will continue to closely work with the NWHU and monitor the situation. The Company will provide updates as appropriate.

The Company’s COVID-19 measures are in place to mitigate and limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect the well-being of its employees, contractors, their families, local communities, and other stakeholders. New Gold has and continues to follow the Public Health guidance and directives of federal, provincial, and regional authorities in respect of general and mine site-specific protocols and is working in close partnership with its medical service provider and NWHU.

The Rainy River Mine will continue to work with surrounding Indigenous and local communities to implement and coordinate actions that will reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

Further information on the Company’s response to COVID-19 is available via the following link: <https://www.newgold.com/covid-19/>

About New Gold Inc.

New Gold is a Canadian-focused intermediate mining Company with a portfolio of two core producing assets in Canada, the Rainy River gold mine and the New Afton copper-gold mine. The Company also holds an 8% gold stream on the Artemis Gold Blackwater project located in British Columbia and a 6% equity stake in Artemis. The Company also operates the Cerro San Pedro Mine in Mexico (in reclamation). New Gold’s vision is to build a leading diversified intermediate gold Company based in Canada that is committed to environment and social responsibility. For further information on the Company, visit www.newgold.com.

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