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# **KEF** MINERALS

### KEFI Minerals plc ("KEFI" or the "Company")

### **Electronic Communication with Shareholders**

KEFI Minerals (AIM: KEFI), the gold exploration and development company with projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, has today posted a letter to shareholders regarding electronic communication, the details of which are summarised below.

In future, Notices of Annual General Meetings, Annual Report and Accounts and other documents, will be published on the Company's website at <u>www.kefi-minerals.com</u>. Increased use of electronic communications will deliver savings to the Company in terms of administration, printing and postage costs, as well as speeding up the provision of information to shareholders. The reduced use of paper will also have environmental benefits.

The letter has been sent to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, which requires that shareholders are individually asked to consent to the provision of documents and information in electronic form.

The full text of the letter sent to shareholders is available on the Company's website at www.kefiminerals.com/news/announcements.

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Further information can be viewed on KEFI's website at www.kefi-minerals.com

### NOTES TO EDITOR

### **KEFI** Minerals plc

KEFI is the operator of two advanced gold development projects within the highly prospective Arabian-Nubian Shield, with an attributable 1.93Moz (100% of Tulu Kapi's 1.72Moz and 40% of Jibal Qutman's 0.73Moz) gold Mineral Resources (JORC 2012) plus significant resource growth potential. KEFI targets that production at these projects generates cash flows for further exploration and expansion as warranted, recoupment of development costs and, when appropriate, dividends to shareholders.

Milestones planned for H1-2016:

- Formal appointment of development funding syndicate for Tulu Kapi gold project
- Shareholder approval of finance plan for Tulu Kapi gold project
- Mining Licence Application for Jibal Qutman gold project in Saudi Arabia

### **KEFI** Minerals in Ethiopia

The Tulu Kapi gold project in Western Ethiopia is being rapidly progressed towards development, with the Mining Licence granted in April 2015.

KEFI's Definitive Feasibility Study was then completed and the Company is now refining contractual terms for project construction and operation. Latest estimates for annual gold production are c. 100,000 oz pa for a 10-year period and All-in Sustaining Costs (including operating, sustaining capital and closure) of approximately US\$724/oz to US\$752/oz respectively at a gold price range of US\$1,000/oz to US\$1,400/oz. Tulu Kapi's Ore Reserve estimate totals 15.4Mt at 2.12g/t gold, containing 1.05Moz. The eight core production years of the open pit are estimated to yield an average of 115,000 oz pa.

All aspects of the Tulu Kapi (open pit) gold project have been reported in compliance with the JORC Code (2012) and subjected to reviews by appropriate independent experts. These plans now also reflect the agreed construction and operating terms with project contractors and have been independently reviewed by experts appointed for the project finance syndicate.

A Preliminary Economic Assessment has been published which indicates the economic attractiveness of mining the underground deposit adjacent to the Tulu Kapi open pit, after the start-up of the open pit and after positive cash flows have begun to repay project debts.

At a gold price of US\$1,250/oz, the projected cash flows indicate a cash build-up in the first three production years of US\$135 million, which would be sufficient to repay all project debts, fund the development of the underground mine and pay dividends to shareholders.

#### **KEFI** Minerals in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

In 2009, KEFI formed G&M in Saudi Arabia with local Saudi partner Abdul Rahman Saad Al-Rashid & Sons Company Limited ("ARTAR"), to explore for gold and associated metals in the Arabian-Nubian Shield. KEFI has a 40% interest in G&M and is the operating partner. To date, G&M has conducted preliminary regional reconnaissance and has had five exploration licences ("ELs") granted, including Jibal Qutman and the more recently granted Hawiah EL that contains over 6km strike length of outcropping gossans developed on altered and mineralised rocks with all the hallmarks of a copper-gold-zinc VHMS deposit.

At Jibal Qutman, G&M's flagship project, Mineral Resources are estimated to total 28.4Mt at 0.80g/t gold for 733,045 contained ounces. The shallow oxide portion of this resource is being evaluated as a low capital expenditure heap-leach mine development.



ARTAR, on behalf of G&M, holds 24 EL applications that cover an area of approximately 1,484km<sup>2</sup>. ELs are renewable for up to three years and bestow the exclusive right to explore and to obtain a 30-year exploitation (mining) lease within the area.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has instituted policies to encourage minerals exploration and development, and KEFI Minerals supports this priority by serving as the technical partner within G&M. ARTAR also serves this government policy as the major partner in G&M, which is one of the early movers in the modern resurgence of the Kingdom's minerals sector.

