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Leading Independent Proxy Advisory Firms Recommend Horizon Securityholders Vote FOR the Proposed Plan of Arrangement with Royal Gold

Vancouver, BC — Horizon Copper Corp. (TSX-V: HCU, OTCQB: HNCUF) ("Horizon Copper", "Horizon", or the "Company") is pleased to announce that Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS") and other similar advisory firms have each recommended that Horizon Copper securityholders ("Securityholders") vote FOR the special resolution (the "Arrangement Resolution") approving the proposed arrangement with Royal Gold, Inc. ("Royal Gold") at the upcoming Special Meeting of Securityholders (the "Meeting") scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 8:00 AM Vancouver time.

In its report, ISS highlighted "The cash consideration represents a significant 72.4 percent premium to the share price on the unaffected date, providing both certain and immediate value."

The Board of Directors of Horizon unanimously <u>recommends</u> that the Securityholders vote <u>FOR</u> the Arrangement Resolution.

Meeting Details

The Meeting is to be held on October 9, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) in the Copper Boardroom at the Company's head office located at Suite 3200, 733 Seymour Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B 0S6. Please visit Horizon's website at **www.horizoncopper.com/special-meeting** for complete details and links to all relevant documents ahead of the Meeting.

Securityholders are encouraged to read the management information circular of Horizon mailed to Securityholders in connection with the Meeting ("Circular") in its entirety and vote as soon as possible, in accordance with the instructions accompanying the form of proxy or voting instruction form mailed to Securityholders together with the Circular.

The deadline for voting by proxy is 8:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) on October 7, 2025.

How to Vote

	REGISTERED SECURITYHOLDERS	BENEFICIAL SECURITYHOLDERS (Shares and/or Warrants Held With A Broker, Bank Or Other Intermediary)
Internet	www.investorvote.com	www.proxyvote.com (for Beneficial Shareholders only)
Telephone	Toll-Free: 1-866-732-8683 International: 312-588-4290	Dial the applicable number listed on the voting instruction form.
Mail	Return the proxy form in the enclosed postage paid envelope.	Return the voting instruction form in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Questions & Voting Assistance

Securityholders who have questions about the Meeting or require assistance in voting may contact the Company's proxy solicitation agent:

Laurel Hill Advisory Group

North American Toll Free | 1-877-452-7184 Outside North America | 1-416-304-0211 By Email | assistance@laurelhill.com

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About Horizon Copper

Horizon Copper is a premier copper company holding a portfolio of unparalleled copper assets, including a 1.66% net profits interest on the Antamina copper mine, exposure to the Oyu Tolgoi copper mine through a 24% equity ownership in Entrée Resources Ltd., and a 30% interest in the copper-gold Hod Maden project. For more information, visit **www.horizoncopper.com**.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This press release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities laws. Forward-looking statements generally include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to management's beliefs, plans, estimates and intentions, and similar statements concerning the Horizon Transaction, the ability to complete the Horizon Transaction and the other transactions contemplated by the Arrangement Agreement (including the Sandstorm transaction) and the timing thereof, including the parties' ability to satisfy the conditions to the consummation of the Horizon Transaction, the receipt of the required securityholder approvals, regulatory approvals and court approval and other customary closing conditions, the possibility of any termination of the Arrangement Agreement in accordance with its terms or the Sandstorm transaction, and the expected benefits to Horizon and its securityholders, and other statements that are not historical facts. Although Horizon believes that such information is reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information is typically identified by words such as: "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "estimate", "postulate" and similar expressions, or are those, which, by their nature, refer to future events. The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking information provided by Horizon is not a guarantee of future results or performance and that actual results may differ materially from those in forward-looking information as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to; the possibility that the Horizon Transaction or the Sandstorm transaction will not be completed on their terms and conditions, or on the timing, currently contemplated, and that they may not be completed at all, due to a failure to obtain or satisfy, in a timely manner or otherwise, required regulatory, securityholder and court approvals and other conditions to the closing of the Horizon Transaction or the Sandstorm transaction or for other reasons; the Sandstorm transaction being completed in a circumstance where the Horizon Transaction is terminated; the negative impact that the failure to complete the Horizon Transaction for any reason could have on the price of the Horizon Shares or on its business; Royal Gold's failure to pay the consideration at closing of the Horizon Transaction; the failure to realize the expected benefits of the Horizon Transaction; the restrictions imposed on Horizon while the Horizon Transaction is pending; significant transaction costs or unknown liabilities; and risks related to the diversion of management's attention from Horizon's ongoing business operations while the Horizon Transaction is pending; and other risks and uncertainties affecting Horizon such as those relating to expected capital expenditures, including exploration and development activity and the future price and demand of gold, copper, and other metals. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are made as of the date of this press release. Horizon disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. The securities referred to in this press release have not been, nor will they be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons absent U.S. registration or an applicable exemption from the U.S. registration requirements. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required under securities laws. Further information concerning risks, assumptions and uncertainties associated with forward-looking statements and our business can be found in Horizon's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2024, filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca), as well as subsequent filings that can also be found under the Company's profile.

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