

**NOVAGOLD Announces Election of Directors and Voting Results from 2017 Annual Shareholder Meeting**

**May 8, 2017 - Vancouver, British Columbia – NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.** (TSX, NYSE MKT: NG) is pleased to announce the detailed voting results on the items of business considered at its Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 5, 2017 (the “Meeting”). A total of 260,710,238 or 81.05% of the Company’s issued and outstanding shares were represented at the Meeting. The nominees listed in NOVAGOLD’s Management Information Circular were elected as directors of the Company. Detailed results of the votes are set out below:

Proposal 1 Election of Directors	Outcome of the Vote	Votes by Ballot	
		Votes For	Votes Withheld
Sharon Dowdall	Carried	205,246,215 (99.61%)	807,569 (0.39%)
Dr. Marc Faber	Carried	205,245,961 (99.61%)	807,824 (0.39%)
Dr. Thomas Kaplan	Carried	205,191,258 (99.58%)	862,527 (0.42%)
Gregory Lang	Carried	205,398,998 (99.68%)	654,786 (0.32%)
Gillyeard Leathley	Carried	205,278,306 (99.62%)	775,479 (0.38%)
Igor Levental	Carried	204,521,052 (99.26%)	1,532,732 (0.74%)
Kalidas Madhavpeddi	Carried	205,199,575 (99.59%)	854,209 (0.41%)
Gerald McConnell	Carried	191,331,615 (92.86%)	14,722,170 (7.14%)
Clynton Nauman	Carried	205,319,846 (99.64%)	733,939 (0.36%)
Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse	Carried	161,384,452 (78.32%)	44,668,973 (21.68%)
Anthony Walsh	Carried	205,292,012 (99.63%)	761,772 (0.37%)

**Proposal 2 – Appointment of Auditors**

The vote was carried for the Appointment of the Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The votes were as follows:

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>259,544,971</b>	<b>99.56%</b>
<b>Votes Withheld</b>	<b>1,151,967</b>	<b>0.44%</b>

**Proposal 3 – Say-On-Pay Advisory Vote**

The vote was carried on the Say-On-Pay Advisory Vote. The votes were as follows:

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>153,210,502</b>	<b>74.36%</b>
<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>51,918,544</b>	<b>25.20%</b>
<b>Votes Withheld</b>	<b>911,438</b>	<b>0.44%</b>

#### **Proposal 4 – Approval of Unallocated Entitlements under the Stock Award Plan**

The vote was carried on the approval of all the unallocated entitlements under the Company's Stock Award Plan. The votes were as follows:

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>192,464,448</b>	<b>93.41%</b>
<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>12,282,335</b>	<b>5.96%</b>
<b>Votes Withheld</b>	<b>1,293,700</b>	<b>0.63%</b>

#### **Proposal 5 – Approval of Unallocated Entitlements under the Performance Share Unit Plan**

The vote was carried on the approval of all the unallocated entitlements under the Company's Performance Share Unit Plan. The votes were as follows:

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>200,760,355</b>	<b>97.44%</b>
<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>3,992,255</b>	<b>1.94%</b>
<b>Votes Withheld</b>	<b>1,287,874</b>	<b>0.63%</b>

#### **Proposal 6 – Approval of Unallocated Entitlements under the Deferred Share Unit Plan**

The vote was carried on the approval of all the unallocated entitlements under the Company's Deferred Share Unit Plan. The votes were as follows:

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>201,666,080</b>	<b>97.88%</b>
<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>3,061,147</b>	<b>1.49%</b>
<b>Votes Withheld</b>	<b>1,313,257</b>	<b>0.64%</b>

Full details of all proposals are fully described in the Company's Management Information Circular available on the Company's website at [www.novagold.com](http://www.novagold.com), on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), and on EDGAR at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and the detailed results of voting on each proposal are included in the Report of Voting Results filed on SEDAR and on EDGAR.

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