

# HAMBLEDON MINING PLC

(AIM: HMB)

## Sekisovskoye Fully Operational

Hambledon Mining plc ("Hambledon" or the "Group" or the "Company"), the AIM-listed gold mining and processing company operating in Kazakhstan, is pleased to report that Sekisovskoye is now producing gold.

Since the resumption of operations last week, 26.7 kilogrammes of doré have been poured at Sekisovskoye. Following assaying, the doré, together with about 6 kilogrammes that had been poured previously, will be shipped to Almaty and from there to Europe for refining and sale.

Following an inspection of the mine and process plant by a government committee comprised of the various environmental, safety, design and other departments involved, official approval of completion has been granted. This means that the formal commissioning period is now over and regular production has commenced.

### **Nick Bridgen, Chief Executive of Hambledon, said:**

*"I would like to thank the team at Sekisovskoye for having done a magnificent job in getting the plant back up and running and approved by the authorities."*

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### **Note to editors**

Hambledon Mining plc is an AIM-listed gold mining and exploration company, which is operating the Sekisovskoye gold mine and the Ognevka processing plant, both of which are close to Ust Kamenogorsk in East Kazakhstan.

At Sekisovskoye, the Company is mining from an open pit and has constructed an 850,000 tonnes per year treatment plant. Production from the open pit will average over 40,000 ounces per annum. As soon as steady production has been achieved, the Company plans to develop the much larger underground resource that is expected to lead to a combined production rate of around 100,000 ounces per year.

The Ognevka processing plant is producing concentrates containing gold, silver, copper, iron and coke from the re-treatment of zinc smelter residues.