

HPD Exploration PLC
(the “Company”)
CHANGE OF NAME

13 January 2004

The Company announces that all the resolutions proposed at today’s Extraordinary General Meeting were unanimously passed and accordingly the Company’s name has today been changed to PATAGONIA GOLD PLC. The new ticker code for the Company will be PGD.

Shareholders should note that existing share certificates in the name of HPD Exploration Plc will continue to remain valid.

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