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**Yamana Gold Inc. Offer to Purchase Common Shares of Meridian Gold Inc.**

**Yamana Gold: (TSX: YRI) (NYSE: AUJ)**  
**CUSIP: 98462Y100**

**Meridian Gold: (TSX: MNG) (NYSE: MDG)**  
**CUSIP: 589975101**

**Expiry: 12:00 Midnight (Toronto time) on October 12, 2007**

**Out-bound Script to Shareholders**

Hello, my name is *<insert your name>*, and I am calling on behalf of Yamana Gold Inc. to provide *<shareholder's name>* with information concerning his or her investment in **Meridian Gold Inc. (Meridian)**. Can I speak to you briefly?

**IF YES**

**Thank you.** I am calling on behalf of **Yamana Gold Inc. (Yamana)**. Yamana has reached an agreement with Meridian, under which it will revise its Offer for your **Meridian** shares. Under the agreement with Meridian, Yamana will increase the cash component of the consideration offered for Meridian shares by **Cdn\$0.50 per share to Cdn\$7.00 per share**. The share component will not be changed and will remain 2.235 Yamana common shares for each common share of Meridian. Based on a careful review of the revised terms of the Yamana Offer among other factors, the Board of Directors of Meridian has determined that the revised Yamana Offer is fair to shareholders and unanimously recommends that its shareholders **ACCEPT** the Offer.

Full details of the revised Offer will be outlined in the **Notice of Variation and Extension**, which will be mailed to shareholders on or about September 28, 2007. We encourage you to read this document because it will contain important information. The Notice of Variation and Extension and other documents relating to Yamana's offer for the common shares of Meridian will be available online at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) (Canada) or [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) (U.S.) or, will be provided free of charge upon request.

The revised Offer will also include an extension of expiry time of the Offer, which we expect to be **12:00 midnight (Toronto time) on October 12, 2007**.

**Premium:** Based on the closing prices of the Meridian and the Yamana common shares on the TSX on June 27, 2007 (the date of Yamana's original proposal to Meridian) Yamana's revised Offer will represent a spot premium of approximately 37.7%. The premium is approximately 38% based on the 20-day average closing prices of each company's shares on the TSX ending on June 27, 2007. Based on Yamana's closing price on the TSX at the time of the original proposal, the cash component will account for about 28% of the revised Offer.

**Fairness Opinions:** Genuity Capital Markets, Canaccord Capital Corporation and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. are acting as Yamana's financial advisors, and both Genuity and Canaccord have

**IF NO**

May I please give you our toll-free number if you have any questions?  
Call  
**1-866-879-7644 or**

You can visit these websites for more information:

[www.yamana.com](http://www.yamana.com)  
or  
[www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)  
(see Yamana Gold Inc.)

Thank you for your time.

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provided updated fairness opinions to Yamana's Board of Directors indicating that the revised terms of the Offer are fair, from a financial point of view, to Yamana.

Meridian's financial advisors, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and BMO Capital Markets, have also each provided opinions to the Meridian Board of Directors that, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated in such opinions, the consideration to be received under the Offer is fair, from a financial point of view, to Meridian shareholders.

**Northern Orion Transaction:** The terms of Yamana's agreement with Northern Orion remain unchanged and it is Yamana's intention to close the Plan of Arrangement with Northern Orion as soon as practical after the successful tender of the Meridian shares.

**As Beneficial Shareholders** You must tender your shares no later than 12:00 midnight (Toronto Time) on the expiry date, which we expect will be Friday, October 12, 2007, but your broker may require your instructions well in advance of this date. Contact your broker immediately with your instructions and assistance in tendering your shares to the Offer.

**As Registered Shareholders** You must tender your shares no later than 12:00 midnight (Toronto time) on the expiry date, which we expect will be Friday, October 12, 2007. You would have received a pre-addressed letter of transmittal (Yellow for Non-UK Shareholders and Green for UK Shareholders). Please complete it and deposit it with the share certificate(s) in the enclosed envelope to the Depositary (Kingsdale Shareholder Services Inc.), along with all other documents required by the instructions set out in the letter of transmittal. Alternatively, you can complete the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery if your shares are not immediately available.

If you have any questions or require further assistance in tendering your shares, we can be reached at **1-866-879-7644**. Thank you very much for your time. Have a nice day/night!

**Answering Machine Message:**

Hello, this message is for <insert shareholder name>. This is <insert your name>, and I'm calling on behalf of Yamana Gold Inc. concerning your investment in **Meridian Gold Inc.** Yamana Gold has reached an agreement with Meridian, under which it will revise its Offer for your Meridian shares and the Board of Directors of Meridian is recommending that shareholders **ACCEPT** Yamana's revised offer. Under the terms of the revised Offer, you would now receive an additional Cdn\$0.50 per share to a total of Cdn\$7.00 in cash plus 2.235 Yamana common shares. The revised Offer will also include an extension of expiry time of the Offer, which we expect to be 12:00 midnight (Toronto time) on October 12, 2007. Details of revised Offer will be contained in a Notice of Variation and Extension, which will be mailed to you on or about September 28, 2007. If you have any questions or require further assistance with tendering your **Meridian Gold shares**, please call us at **1-866-879-7644**. Thank you very much for your time. Have a nice day/night!

**Remember: Speak slowly, especially when providing a phone number.**  
**Rep please provide written comments whenever talking to shareholders**