Franco-Nevada Announces Succession Plans and Adds to its Board

Franco-Nevada is pleased to announce that it continues to advance its succession planning and board renewal. Recent steps include the promotion of Paul Brink to the role of President and COO at the 2018 AGM and the addition of Jennifer Maki as a new director at the 2019 AGM. At the same meeting, Pierre Lassonde announced his intention to step down from both his Chair and director roles on the board during 2020. The board of Franco-Nevada has now made the following additional decisions:

David Harquail as Chair Designate

Effective as of the May 6th, 2020 AGM, the board intends to appoint David Harquail as the non-executive Chair of its board of directors. David has served as a senior executive of the original Franco-Nevada starting in 1987 and as CEO of the new Franco-Nevada since its IPO in 2007. Under his leadership, the new Franco-Nevada's market capitalization has grown to over $17 billion.

Pierre Lassonde as Chair Emeritus Designate

Effective as of the May 6th, 2020 AGM, the board intends to appoint Pierre Lassonde as Chair Emeritus. Pierre and Seymour Schulich were co-founders of the original Franco-Nevada and pioneered the concept of mining royalty companies with the acquisition of the Goldstrike royalty in 1985. Pierre has served as non-executive Chair of the new Franco-Nevada since its IPO in 2007. Under his leadership, the new Franco-Nevada has had an outstanding track record of creating value for its shareholders. With Pierre’s continuing role, Franco-Nevada hopes to benefit from his advice for many years to come.

Paul Brink as CEO Designate

Effective as of the May 6th, 2020 AGM, the board intends to appoint Paul Brink as President and Chief Executive Officer and nominate him for election as a director of Franco-Nevada at the same AGM. Paul has served as Senior Vice President from 2007 to 2018 and was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer in 2018. He was part of the Franco-Nevada IPO in 2007 and has successfully led its business development activities since then.

Elliott Pew as a New Director

Elliott Pew, as of today, joined Franco-Nevada’s board as a new director. He has over 38 years of diverse experience in the oil and gas industry and currently serves as Chairman of Enerplus Corporation. Previously, Elliott served as a director of Southwestern Energy Company and as co-founder, executive and member of the board of managers of Common Resources I, II and III (private E&P). Prior to that, Elliott held senior executive positions with Newfield Exploration Company in Houston and was Senior Vice President, Exploration of American Exploration Company. He holds an M.A. in Geology from the University of Texas at Austin and an A.B. in Geology from Franklin and Marshall College.

Corporate Summary

Franco-Nevada Corporation is the leading gold-focused royalty and stream company with the largest and most diversified portfolio of cash-flow producing assets. Its business model provides investors with gold price and exploration optionality while limiting exposure to many of the risks of operating companies. Franco-Nevada has a strong balance sheet and uses its free cash flow to expand its portfolio and pay dividends. It trades under the symbol FNV on both the Toronto and New York stock exchanges. Franco-Nevada is the gold investment that works.
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The forward looking statements contained in this press release are based upon assumptions management believes to be reasonable, including, without limitation: the ongoing operation of the properties in which Franco-Nevada holds a royalty, stream or other interest by the owners or operators of such properties in a manner consistent with past practice; the accuracy of publicly disclosed expectations for the development of underlying properties that are not yet in production; the control of such operators; influence of macroeconomic developments; business opportunities that become available to, or are pursued by Franco-Nevada; reduced access to debt and equity capital; litigation; title, permit or license disputes related to interests on any of the properties in which Franco-Nevada holds a royalty, stream or other interest; the accuracy of publicly disclosed expectations for the development of underlying properties that are not yet in production; integration of acquired assets; the expected application of tax laws and regulations by taxation authorities; the expected assessment and outcome of any audit by any taxation authority; and the absence of any other factors that could cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended. 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