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Solitario and Ely Gold Close Transaction to Sell their Interests in the Mt. Hamilton Gold Project to Waterton for Total Consideration of US\$30 Million

Denver, Colorado: Solitario Exploration & Royalty Corp. (NYSE MKT: **XPL**; TSX: **SLR**) ("Solitario") and Ely Gold & Minerals Inc. (TSX.V: **ELY**) ("Ely Gold", and together with Solitario, the "Sellers") are pleased to announce that they have closed the previously announced agreement (see news release dated June 11, 2015) to sell their combined interests in the Mt. Hamilton gold project ("Mt. Hamilton") to Waterton Nevada Splitter, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Waterton Precious Metals Fund II Cayman, LP (collectively, "Waterton"), for total cash proceeds of US\$30 million (the "Transaction"). The Transaction was structured as the sale of the Sellers' membership interests in Mt. Hamilton LLC ("MH-LLC"), a limited liability company that held 100% of the Mt. Hamilton assets. Shareholders of Solitario and Ely Gold recently approved the Transaction.

Solitario received gross proceeds of \$24 million for its 80% interest in MH-LLC, and DHI Minerals (U.S.) Ltd., Ely Gold's wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary, received gross proceeds of \$6 million for its 20% interest in MH-LLC. Concurrently with the closing of the Transaction, Solitario paid its outstanding US\$5 million corporate credit facility with RMB Australia Holdings Limited, plus approximately \$7,000 in accrued interest and fees.

Chris Herald, President and CEO of Solitario, stated: "We are pleased to have successfully closed our transaction with Waterton. We are now debt free and have a strong balance sheet to seek new opportunities and to implement other value enhancing activities for our shareholders. We will now be able to highlight our fully-carried to production interest in the high-grade Bongará zinc project being advanced by Compañía Minera Milpo S.A.A., our Peruvian partner. With Waterton as the new owner of Mt. Hamilton, we believe the project can more rapidly advance towards construction and subsequent production. We want to wish Waterton all the best, not only on Mt. Hamilton, but all of their activities in Nevada."

Trey Wasser, President and CEO of Ely Gold, stated: "This sale will provide Ely with the capital to focus on advancing our 100% owned Green Springs project, located just seven miles south of Mt. Hamilton. Green Springs is fully permitted for exploration and we expect to begin a drill program this fall."

Isser Elishis, Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer of Waterton's investment adviser, said, "We are pleased to have completed the purchase of Mt. Hamilton from Solitario and Ely Gold. The acquisition of Mt. Hamilton will add another key development asset to Waterton's growing portfolio of high-quality Nevada assets."

Advisors and Legal Counsel

Maxit Capital LP acted as financial advisor to both Solitario and Ely Gold and provided fairness opinions to their respective boards of directors. Solitario's US legal counsel is Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP and Polsinelli PC, and its Canadian legal counsel is Fogler Rubinoff LLP. Ely Gold's US legal counsel is Parsons Behle and Latimer LLP and its Canadian legal counsel is Holmes & King. Waterton's US legal counsel is Parr Brown Gee and Loveless PC and its Canadian legal counsel is Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP.

About Solitario

Solitario is a precious and base metal exploration and royalty company. Recently, a significant focus of Solitario's has been on financing and potentially developing the Mt. Hamilton gold project in Nevada. Solitario controls an 80% interest in Mt. Hamilton. Besides Solitario's interest in Mt. Hamilton, Solitario also has a significant joint venture with Milpo Mining, Votorantim Metais's 51%-owned affiliate, on its advanced Bongará high-grade zinc project in Peru. Additional information about Solitario is available at www.solitarioxr.com.

About Ely Gold

Ely Gold is focused on the acquisition and development of gold resources in Nevada, including its Green Springs property, 7 miles south of Mt. Hamilton. Ely Gold is traded on the TSXV. Additional information about Ely Gold is available online at www.elygoldandminerals.com.

About Waterton

Waterton is a leading mining-focused private equity firm dedicated to developing high quality precious and base metals projects located in stable jurisdictions. Waterton's cross-functional, fully-integrated, in-house team of professionals have significant mining, financial and legal expertise. Waterton's proactive approach to asset management, significant sector knowledge and ability to leverage extensive industry relationships has resulted in a strong track record of managing investments in the metals sector. Additional information about Waterton is available online at www.watertonglobal.com.

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