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## Galway Gold Provides Update on Arbitration Process

**Toronto, Ontario – November 23, 2021** – Further to its news release dated February 10, 2020 (<https://pr.report/rjj-G3aS>), Galway Gold Inc. (TSX-V: GLW) ("**Galway Gold**" or the "**Company**") announces an update to the status of the Company's arbitration claim against the Republic of Colombia brought under the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement ("**FTA**") to enforce Galway Gold's rights under the FTA, as well to provide an update on a similar claim filed by miner Eco Oro Minerals Corp. ("**Eco Oro**") against Colombia, which is based on the same FTA and legislative changes and Colombian Court decisions as Galway Gold's claim.

While Galway Gold's arbitration is proceeding toward a hearing, an important decision in a similar proceeding involving Eco Oro was recently issued.

*"Although the decision of the Tribunal in the Eco Oro arbitration is not binding on the Tribunal in Galway Gold's arbitration, we are obviously encouraged that the Eco Oro Tribunal accepted jurisdiction and found liability on behalf of Colombia and in favor of Eco Oro," says Robert Hinchcliffe, President and CEO of Galway Gold. "We look forward to a final decision from the Eco Oro Tribunal determining the quantum of damages to be awarded to Eco Oro."*

### **Galway Gold's Arbitration Claim**

In an arbitration proceeding under the arbitration rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes ("ICSID"), Galway Gold contends that Colombia breached its obligations owed to Galway Gold, including specific obligations under the FTA. The claims include Colombia's refusal or failure to compensate the Company for the losses incurred as a consequence of Colombia's prohibition of mining in the *páramos* (high altitude eco-systems). Galway Gold seeks damages for all losses, including the value of its property and rights, and the Company's costs incurred in the acquisition and development of its investment in the Reina de Oro mining project.

On December 12, 2019, the Arbitral Tribunal issued a procedural order, which, among other things, bifurcated the procedure into two phases. Phase One is a determination of jurisdiction and liability issues. Phase Two is a determination of damages, discovery jurisdiction and liability as found.

Galway Gold has submitted its memorials and witness statements to Arbitral Tribunal and Colombia has submitted its memorials and witness statements. The Arbitration Tribunal is currently reviewing the materials and the hearing on jurisdiction and liability is currently scheduled to proceed on June 20-24, 2022.

If the Tribunal rules that it has jurisdiction and finds Colombia to be liable damages to Galway Gold, a second hearing (and briefing scheduling) will be ordered as part of the Phase Two procedure. Any damages to be awarded to Galway Gold will be determined at this Phase Two hearing.

### **Developments in the Eco Oro Arbitration**

Eco Oro also has an arbitration against Colombia under the FTA pending before ICSID. In its arbitration, Eco Oro has alleged that Colombia breached its obligations under the FTA in failing to compensate Eco Oro for the losses incurred as a consequence of Colombia's prohibition of mining in the *páramos*. The prohibition on mining is based upon the same FTA and legislative changes and Colombian Court decisions. As such, we believe that Eco Oro's claims against Colombia are similar to Galway Gold's claims against Colombia.

On September 9, 2021 the Tribunal in the Eco Oro arbitration issued its "Decision on Jurisdiction, Liability and Directions on Quantum" (the "Decision"). According to a Procedural Order issue by the Tribunal, the Tribunal ruled that it had jurisdiction over the claims raised by Eco Oro, and that Colombia acted in breach of Article 805 of the FTA, entitling Eco Oro to damages. The Procedural Order also ordered the parties to file additional submissions in response to certain questions regarding the quantum of Eco Oro's damages. These questions essentially must be responded to within 120 days,

although depending on the parties' position, there may be an additional 120 days briefing period. After the matter is fully briefed, the Tribunal in the Eco Oro arbitration is expected to render a decision on the amount of damages.

Each Tribunal considers each case before it on its own facts, and the Tribunal in Galway Gold's arbitration is not bound by any decision made by the Tribunal in Eco Oro's arbitration. Nonetheless, Galway Gold believes that the recent Decision issued by the Tribunal in the Eco Oro arbitration finding jurisdiction and liability by Colombia (in an amount to be determined) provides useful guidance in Galway Gold's arbitration.

Further announcements will be made on the status of the arbitration proceedings.

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