

HAMBLEDON MINING PLC

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Boiler accident at Sekisovskoye

Hambledon Mining plc ("Hambledon" or the "Group" or the "Company"), the AIM-listed gold mining and processing company operating in Kazakhstan, regrets to announce that this morning the eluate heating boiler in the desorption circuit at its process plant at the gold mine at Sekisovskoye ruptured, regrettably resulting in the death of one employee.

The boiler is a standard piece of equipment and was used in the gold stripping area of the processing circuit where the gold is removed from the loaded carbon by passing a heated solution of cyanide and sodium hydroxide through the carbon column. Damage to the process plant was minimal with only the boiler itself suffering major damage. No solutions were lost and no environmental pollution occurred.

The plant, which had been operating normally, has been stopped whilst the cause of the explosion is investigated. A further announcement will be made as soon as possible.

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Note to editors

Hambledon Mining plc is an AIM-listed gold mining and exploration company, which is operating the Sekisovskoye gold mine and the Ognevka processing plant, both of which are close to Ust Kamenogorsk in East Kazakhstan.

At Sekisovskoye, the Company is mining from an open pit and has constructed an 850,000 tonnes per year treatment plant. Production from the open pit will average over 40,000 ounces per annum. After the start of open pit processing, the Company plans to develop the much larger underground resource that is expected to lead to a combined production rate of around 100,000 ounces per year.

The Ognevka processing plant is producing concentrates containing gold, silver, copper, iron and coke from the re-treatment of zinc smelter residues.