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## **GOLDEN REIGN AND MARLIN GOLD ENTER INTO NON-BINDING LETTER OF INTENT TO COMBINE BUSINESSES**

VANCOUVER, May 15, 2018 - **Golden Reign Resources Ltd.** (TSX-V: GRR) (“Golden Reign”), **Marlin Gold Mining Ltd.** (TSX-V: MLN) (“Marlin”) and **Sailfish Royalty Corp.** (TSX-V: FISH) (“Sailfish”) are pleased to announce that they have entered into a non-binding letter of intent (the “LOI”), together with Wexford Capital LP (“Wexford”), whereby Golden Reign and Marlin will pursue a business combination of Golden Reign’s wholly-owned San Albino-Murra Property (“San Albino”) in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua and Marlin’s La Trinidad Mine (“La Trinidad”) in Sinaloa, Mexico. Pursuant to the proposed transaction, Golden Reign plans to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Marlin (following completion of the Marlin Reorganization as defined below) by way of plan of arrangement (the “Proposed Transaction”). Upon completion of the Proposed Transaction it is expected that the current shareholders and option holders of Marlin will own in aggregate approximately 45% of the shares of Golden Reign (after distributing any Golden Reign shares already owned by Marlin to its shareholders as discussed below) and current non-Marlin Golden Reign shareholders will own approximately 55% of the shares. It is expected that the name of the parent company will be changed in connection with the completion of the Proposed Transaction from Golden Reign to “Mako Mining Corp.” or such other name as may be mutually determined by Golden Reign and Marlin. In connection with the Proposed Transaction, Sailfish will restructure its existing gold stream on San Albino, as further discussed below.

“This transaction will be beneficial for existing Golden Reign shareholders and stakeholders. The combined entity creates a focussed precious metals exploration and development company with an unencumbered high margin asset in Nicaragua, immediate production and cash flow from La Trinidad, cash flow growth, no debt, geographic diversification and significant exploration potential”, stated Kevin Bullock, Golden Reign’s Chief Executive Officer and director. “We are excited to shortly be able to begin construction of a 500tpd mine at San Albino and grow production and cash flow to fund exploration of the highly prospective 138km<sup>2</sup> high-grade gold camp in Nicaragua.”

Akiba Leisman, Executive Chairman of Marlin and Chief Executive Officer of Sailfish states that “this transaction is the culmination of over four years of work to provide Marlin shareholders access to one of the most attractive development assets in the Americas. Additionally, the restructuring of the San Albino stream will provide mutual benefits to Golden Reign and Sailfish, which will now have exposure to a highly prospective gold district in Nicaragua, as well as a more diversified suite of assets.”

Upon Completion of the Business Combination Kevin Bullock is expected to continue as CEO of the company resulting from the business combination of Golden Reign and Marlin. The board of directors of the newly named company is expected to be comprised of seven members, consisting initially of three directors as determined by Golden Reign (which will include Kevin Bullock) and three directors as determined by Marlin which shall include at least one independent director. Golden Reign and Marlin will jointly determine one additional independent board member who will serve as non-executive chairman.

### **Golden Reign Bridge Loan**

Golden Reign and Marlin have entered into a definitive bridge loan agreement for a bridge loan from Marlin to Golden Reign of C\$4,000,000, having a term of one year and bearing interest at 8% per annum (the “Bridge Loan”). Upon completion of the Proposed Transaction, the Bridge Loan will become intercompany debt and terminated. In the event that (a) Golden Reign shareholders vote not to approve the Proposed Transaction, or (b) either the LOI or the Definitive Agreement (as defined below) is terminated in accordance with its terms, then all accrued interest under the Bridge Loan will become immediately due and the maturity date of the Bridge Loan will accelerate to the earlier of the original

maturity date or the date that is four months from the negative shareholder vote or termination of the LOI or Definitive Agreement, as applicable.

### **Marlin Reorganization**

In connection with the Proposed Transaction, Marlin has engaged Red Cloud Klondike Strike Inc., as financial advisor and to arrange a sale of its Commonwealth silver and gold property in Cochise County, Arizona, which will extinguish certain of Marlin's debts and liabilities (including all loans from its controlling shareholder, Wexford); in addition, Marlin will distribute any additional proceeds from this sale as well as its current shareholdings in Golden Reign to Marlin's shareholders (collectively, the "Marlin Reorganization"). As a result of the Marlin Reorganization, Golden Reign will acquire Marlin on a debt free basis.

### **Proposed Transaction**

The acquisition by Golden Reign of 100% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Marlin (following the Marlin Reorganization) in exchange for the issuance of common shares of Golden Reign would result in Marlin and certain of its subsidiaries, namely Oro Gold de Mexico and Marlin Gold Trading, becoming wholly-owned subsidiaries of Golden Reign. The final share exchange ratio will be determined by Golden Reign and Marlin, together with their respective financial advisers, in connection with entering into definitive documentation.

The boards of directors of Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish, respectively, have each appointed a special committee to consider the Proposed Transaction, as well as any strategic alternatives, and the boards of directors of each of Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish, respectively, have unanimously approved the entering into of the LOI described in this news release. The companies have agreed to an exclusivity period ending on the earlier of June 15, 2018 and the entering into of a Definitive Agreement, or such other date as the parties may mutual agree, with a view to negotiating and settling a definitive agreement as soon as possible.

The principal terms and conditions to the completion of the Proposed Transaction include, among other things, Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish entering into a mutually acceptable agreement to restructure the existing gold stream on San Albino and enter into a new agreement (the "Revised Stream Agreement") on the following basis:

- (a) the Revised Stream Agreement will have the equivalent effect of a 3% net smelter royalty ("NSR") over the existing area of interest, and a 2% NSR on the rest of the 138 sq. km area surrounding the existing area of interest, with no security interests granted;
- (b) Sailfish will extinguish Golden Reign's prepayment liability associated with the existing gold stream on San Albino;
- (c) Sailfish's existing funding obligation of approximately US\$13.9 million will be eliminated;
- (d) all covenants associated with the existing gold stream will be renegotiated on terms consistent with an arm's length royalty; and
- (e) as partial consideration for entering into the Revised Stream Agreement, Marlin will assign to Sailfish, for no additional consideration, the El Compas (1.5% NSR) and La Cigarra (1% NSR) royalties in Mexico, the right to option the Gavilanes property in Mexico for nominal consideration, which is expected to be converted to a royalty upon entering into an exploration agreement with an operating partner and approximately 50 million MXP of Mexican value add tax ("IVA") receivables (not including interest and other adjustments), which are part of ongoing litigation with the Mexican tax authorities. A portion of these IVA receivables have already been received by Marlin.

The LOI is non-binding and there is no assurance that the Proposed transaction will be completed as proposed or at all. The completion of the Proposed Transaction (including the restructuring of the existing gold stream on San Albino) is subject to, among other things: (i) completion of satisfactory due diligence by each of Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish; (ii) negotiation of a definitive agreement and the entering into of a binding definitive agreement in connection with the Proposed Transaction (the "Definitive Agreement"), following receipt by the respective boards of directors of each of Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish of a fairness opinion in connection with the Proposed Transaction and the respective board of directors of each company resolving to unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the Proposed Transaction; (iii) the entering into by the directors and officers of Golden Reign and Marlin, respectively, of support and lock-up agreements on terms satisfactory to Golden Reign and Marlin to vote in favour of the transaction; (iv) receipt of all required corporate approvals from the board of directors, upon the recommendation of the special committee, of Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish, respectively, and all regulatory and shareholder approvals, as applicable, by each of Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish, including "majority of the minority" shareholder approvals, as applicable, any competition or foreign investment approvals and the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange and any required third-party consents; (v) the completion of the Marlin Reorganization; and (vi) entering into the Revised Stream Agreement on terms acceptable to Golden Reign, Marlin and Sailfish.

PI Financial Corp. is acting as financial advisor to Golden Reign, Red Cloud Kondike Strike Inc. is acting as financial advisor to Marlin and Sailfish plans to retain a financial advisor in connection with the Proposed Transaction.

### **About Golden Reign**

Golden Reign Resources Ltd. is a publicly listed (TSX-V: GRR) mineral exploration company engaged in exploring the San Albino-Murra Property and the El Jicaro Property, both of which are located in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua. The company's prime objective is to bring its San Albino Gold Deposit into production quickly and efficiently, building cash flow to further advance a number of its other prospective exploration targets. The Company's land package comprises 13,771 hectares (138 km<sup>2</sup>) of prospective ground for gold and silver mineralization. Hundreds of historical mines and workings exist within the Corona de Oro Gold Belt, which is approximately 3 kilometres wide by 20 kilometres long and is spanned by the company's land package. For additional information please visit our website at [www.goldenreign.com](http://www.goldenreign.com) and SEDAR [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **About Marlin Gold**

Marlin is a growth-oriented gold and silver mining company focused on the Americas. The company owns three properties located in Mexico and the USA and a portfolio of royalties. Marlin's priority is to profitably operate its La Trinidad Mine, conduct further exploration on its other projects and enhance shareholder value through a strategic relationship with Sailfish Royalty Corp. (TSX-V:FISH). Marlin is backed by a well-funded investor with a successful track record in the resources sector. The La Trinidad Mine in Sinaloa, Mexico declared commercial production on November 1, 2014 and is one of the highest grade open pit heap leach gold mines in Mexico.

### **About Sailfish Royalty**

Sailfish is a yield-focussed royalty company. Sailfish owns the TZ Royalty, which is a 3.5% royalty on revenues derived from the sale of gold on Eldorado Gold Corp.'s advanced stage Tocantinzinho gold project, and also holds a gold stream agreement on the San Albino gold project in Northern Nicaragua.

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