

Sandstorm Gold Appoints Tom Bruington as Executive Vice President, Project Evaluation

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Sandstorm Gold Ltd. (“Sandstorm” or the “Company”) (NYSE MKT: SAND, TSX: SSL) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Bruington as Executive Vice President, Project Evaluation.

Mr. Bruington joins Sandstorm after more than ten years at the International Finance Corporation (“IFC”) where he was employed as Chief Engineer/Industry Specialist for the mining division of the oil, gas, mining and chemicals department. In that role, Mr. Bruington was responsible for business development, technical appraisal, and operational supervision of the IFC’s resource investments, completing more than 100 project appraisals in over 60 countries and building an equity fund to over US\$250 million in value. Prior to the IFC, Mr. Bruington held Mining Engineer positions at a number of resource companies and was involved in mine design, construction and operations at precious metal and base metal projects in Australia, South Africa, South America and the U.S.A. Mr. Bruington is a Registered Professional Engineer and holds a Masters of Science and Bachelor of Science in Mineral Economics as well as a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

“Adding someone of Tom’s calibre to our management team is exciting for the Company and our shareholders,” said President and CEO Nolan Watson. “Tom will be heading up our corporate due diligence efforts and his expertise will have an important impact.”

In addition to Mr. Bruington’s appointment, Sandstorm’s board of directors has appointed Nolan Watson as Chairman of the Board, David De Witt as Lead Independent Director and David Awram has been named a Senior Executive Vice President of the Company.

ABOUT SANDSTORM GOLD

Sandstorm Gold Ltd. is a gold streaming company. Sandstorm provides upfront financing for gold mining companies that are looking for capital. In return, Sandstorm receives a gold streaming agreement. This agreement gives Sandstorm the right to purchase a percentage of the life of mine gold produced, at a fixed price. Sandstorm is a non-operating gold mining company with a portfolio of nine gold streams, five of which are producing gold, and three NSR royalties. Sandstorm plans to grow and diversify its low cost production profile through the acquisition of additional gold streams.

Sandstorm is focused on low cost operations with excellent exploration potential and strong management teams. Sandstorm has completed gold purchase or royalty agreements with Brigus Gold Corp., Colossus Minerals Inc., Donner Metals Ltd., Luna Gold Corp., Magellan Minerals Ltd., Metanor Resources Inc., Mutiny Gold Ltd., Santa Fe Gold Corp., SilverCrest Mines Inc., Rambler Metals and Mining plc and Solitario Exploration & Royalty Corp.

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Forward-looking statements are made based upon certain assumptions and other important factors that, if untrue, could cause the actual results, performances or achievements of Sandstorm to be materially different from future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by such statements. Such statements and information

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