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## RUA GOLD Appoints Tristan Kingcott to the Board of Directors

Rua Gold Inc. (TSX: RUA | NZX: RGI | OTC: NZAUF | FSE: X9R) ("RUA GOLD" or the "Company") is pleased to announce appointment of Tristan Kingcott as an independent director of the Company.

Mr. Kingcott has been nominated by Siren Gold Limited as its board nominee and brings more than 15 years of experience in financial and commercial analysis across Canada and New Zealand. He is Managing Director & Portfolio Manager, Zeta Resources within ICM Limited and has extensive experience working with both private and public company boards in Canada, Bermuda, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Kingcott holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Finance from the University of Alberta and is a CFA Charterholder and a member of the CFA Society in Vancouver.

Oliver Lennox-King, Chair of RUA GOLD, commented, "I am pleased to welcome Tristan to the RUA GOLD Board as an independent director. The ICM group has been a long-standing supporter of the RUA GOLD story and recognizes the significant long-term value potential of our assets and strategy. Tristan's financial expertise, governance experience, and international perspective will be valuable additions to the Board as we continue to advance our growth objectives."

The Company also announces that Brian Rodan has resigned from the Board of Directors. The Company would like to thank Mr. Rodan for all his contributions to both the Company and the Reefton Goldfield and the years of dedicated service as an independent director during his tenure.

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### About RUA GOLD

RUA GOLD is an exploration company, strategically focused on New Zealand. With decades of expertise, our team has successfully taken major discoveries into producing world-class mines across multiple continents. The team is now focused on maximizing the asset potential of RUA GOLD's two highly prospective high-grade gold projects.

The Company controls the Reefton Gold District as the dominant landholder in the Reefton Goldfield on New Zealand's South Island with over 120,000 hectares of tenements, in a district that historically produced over 2Moz of gold grading between 9 and 50g/t<sup>(1)</sup>.

The Company's Glamorgan Project solidifies RUA GOLD's position as a leading high-grade gold explorer on New Zealand's North Island. This highly prospective project is located within the North Islands' Hauraki district, a region that has produced an impressive 15Moz of gold and 60Moz of silver<sup>(2)</sup>. Glamorgan is adjacent to OceanaGold Corporation's biggest gold mining project, Wharekirauponga.

For further information, please refer to the Company's disclosure record on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

1. Technical Report on the Reefton Project, New Zealand, with an effective date of February 27, 2026 available under the Company's SEDAR+ profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

2. Christie, A., Simpson, M., Barker, R., and Braithwaite, R. 2019. Exploration for epithermal Au-Ag deposits in New Zealand: history and strategy. New Zealand Journal of Geology and Geophysics, 62:1, 414-441. NI 43-101 Technical Report, Waihi District Pre-feasibility Study, New Zealand. OceanaGold Corporation, Report Date: December 11, 2024.

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