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Stakeholder Gold Upgrades to OTCQX® Best Market

Toronto, ON – August 17, 2026 – Stakeholder Gold Corp. (TSX-V: SRC; OTCQX: SKHRF, WKN: A2QEP1) is pleased to announce that the Company has qualified to trade on the OTCQX® Best Market in the United States and has commenced trading today under the symbol "SHKRF." The Company has upgraded to the OTCQX® from the OTCQB® Venture Market.

The OTCQX Best Market is the highest market tier operated by OTC Markets Group Inc. and is designed for established, investor-focused U.S. and international companies. Companies qualifying for OTCQX are required to meet prescribed financial standards, follow best-practice corporate governance and demonstrate compliance with applicable securities laws.

Stakeholder's common shares will continue to trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "SRC." The Company's upgrade to OTCQX does not involve the issuance of any new common shares or other securities and does not result in any additional dilution to existing shareholders.

> *"Trading on the OTCQX Market is an important step in enhancing Stakeholder's exposure within U.S. capital markets," stated Christopher Berlet, CEO and Director of Stakeholder Gold Corp. "We are rapidly advancing exploration for gold, copper and critical minerals at the company's Ballarat Gold-Copper Project in the Yukon Territory, Canada, and believe that making our shares more accessible to U.S. investors will broaden our shareholder base and improve trading liquidity."*
>
> — Christopher Berlet, CEO and Director

U.S. investors can access current financial disclosure and Real-Time Level 2 quotes for Stakeholder through OTC Markets.

About Stakeholder Gold Corporation

Stakeholder holds 100% ownership of 1,140 contiguous mineral claims covering 22,700 hectares and spanning 20 km of the Coffee Mine Project's "Northern Access Route (NAR)", which is being developed through the geographical center of the White Gold District of the Yukon Territory, Canada. Stakeholder also maintains in good standing 10 claims located inside the adjacent Coffee Mine Project, which is being developed by Talamore Mining Corp. (TSX-V: TALA). These combined claim holdings are referred to collectively as the Ballarat Gold-Copper Project ("Ballarat").

Within the Company's contiguous claim holdings, Stakeholder is advancing exploration on the Skye Gold Zone and the Loki Copper Zone - two compelling exploration targets separated by some 8 km, prospective for new gold and copper discoveries respectively, on either side of the Northern Access Route (NAR), in the heart of the White Gold District.

Stakeholder also generates cash flow from the production and sale of exotic stones through its 100%-owned Brazilian subsidiary Mineração VMC Ltda. ("VMC"). VMC is currently producing from 4 independent stone quarries and is pursuing opportunities to expand the sale and export of exotic stone building materials from Brazil.

Christopher J. Berlet B.A.Sc.(Mining), CFA, CEO & Director of Stakeholder is responsible for the content of this press release.

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