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7	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
8	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION		
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10	COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,	Case No. 19-cv-07284-EC	
11	Plaintiff,		
12	V.	DECLARATION OF KATHY BAZOIAN PHELPS IN SUPPORT OF	
13	DENARI CAPITAL LLC, TRAVIS	ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION BY RECEIVER KATHY BAZOIAN PHELPS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING	
14	CAPSON, and ARNAB SARKAR,	INTERIM DISTRIBUTION TO CLAIMANTS	
15	Defendants,	CLAIMANIS	
16		Date: No Hearing Set	
17 18		Time: No Hearing Set Judge: Edward M. Chen	
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I, Kathy Bazoian Phelps, declare:

Pursuant to this Court's Order entered December 4, 2019, I was appointed as the
 temporary receiver ("Receiver") in this case. I am also an attorney duly licensed to practice in the
 State of California and am senior counsel at the firm of Diamond McCarthy LLP ("Diamond
 McCarthy"). I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and if called as a witness, I
 would and could testify competently to the matters stated herein.

7 2. This declaration is made in support of the Motion by Receiver Kathy Bazoian
8 Phelps for Entry of an Order Approving Interim Distribution to Claimants (the "Motion").¹

93. I have conferred with counsel for the CFTC and for the Defendants, who each do10not oppose the Motion.

4. I received eighteen claims submitted in the ordinary course (one of which was
withdrawn), plus one priority claim from the Franchise Tax Board for \$800. The total allowed
claims were valued at \$3,683,082.

14 5. I have taken possession of \$56,666.83 in funds located in the Wells Fargo account
15 of URHG pursuant to the court-approved settlement. I have also been paid \$101,445.06 for the
16 purchase of URHG shares pursuant to the agreement approved by the Court (Dkt. 81).

Following Court approval of the Distribution Plan on October 5, 2020, I surrendered
the Receivership's interest in Sierra Gold and received in return 348,000 shares of National Gold,
which I immediately distributed to claimants. On November 3, 2020, I also transferred 157,593
shares of National Gold held directly by the Receivership to a claimant pursuant to the Distribution
Plan. The Receivership is no longer in possession of National Gold shares.

7. On November 2, 2020, I completed the distribution of 20,489,492 URHG shares to
claimants pursuant to the Distribution Plan. Also on that date, I completed the transfer of
5,557,918 URHG shares to the purchaser as set forth above. On November 17, 2020, I completed
the transfer of the remaining 4,586,588 URHG shares to the purchaser as set forth above. The

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All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

purchaser has now been delivered all URHG shares to which he is entitled, and the Receivership is
no longer in possession of URHG shares.

8. The real estate transaction contemplated in the URHG Settlement required an
additional \$150,000 cash payment to the receivership, and was supposed to close at the end of
October. As of the date of this declaration, that transaction still has not closed. I have been in
regular communication with the counterparties to the URHG Settlement and with the escrow agent
of the applicable real estate transaction, impressing on the need for the transaction to close and for
\$150,000 to be paid to the receivership. I am currently evaluating the estate's options with respect
to this claim, but do not want to delay the entire distribution as a result.

109. As of December 16, 2020, the Receivership accounts currently hold \$912,064.49 in11cash.

12 10. The current allowed cash claims are \$1,091,497.08, as set forth in Exhibit "1"
13 attached hereto. A 50% distribution of those claims (save the Franchise Tax Board Claim), and a
14 100% distribution on the Franchise Tax Board Claim, will require a cash outlay of \$546,148.54.

15 11. I have conferred with my accountants and they agree that holding \$365,915.95 in
16 the estate after this interim distribution is made is prudent and sufficient to protect the estate.

17 12. I believe an interim distribution of 50% of the allowed cash claim to claimants is
18 prudent, consistent with conservative financial management of the receivership estate, and serves
19 the receivership estate's ultimate goal of providing distributions to claimants.

13. I do not anticipate that there will be costs associated with wiring funds to claimants
but in the event there are wire charges assessed by the bank, I request authority to pay those from
the estate.

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24I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on25this 17th day of December 2020 at Los Angeles, California.

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<u>/s/ Kathy Bazoian Phelps</u> Kathy Bazoian Phelps

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EXHIBIT 1

Exhibit 1: Proposed Interim Distribution

Percentage: 50%

Claimant	Total Cash Claim	Interim Amount	Remaining
1	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
2	\$97,020.00	\$48,510.00	\$48,510.00
3	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
5	\$92,500.00	\$46,250.00	\$46,250.00
6	\$222,207.08	\$111,103.54	\$111,103.54
7	\$79,986.00	\$39,993.00	\$39,993.00
8	\$177,720.00	\$88,860.00	\$88,860.00
11	\$2,264.00	\$1,132.00	\$1,132.00
16	\$80,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
18	\$19,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
19	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,091,497.08	\$546,148.54	\$545,348.54