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Sent: Wed, May 31, 2006 11:38 AM

To: Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX

Subject: NovaGold and Coast Mountain Power Corp Reach Agreement

### Re: **Re-distribution: News Release - Friday, May 26, 2006** Title: <u>NovaGold and Coast Mountain Power Corp Reach Agreement</u>

### May 26, 2006 - Vancouver

### Highlights

- NovaGold reaches agreement to acquire Coast Mountain Power.

- NovaGold increases offer for the "green power" company by 10% to C\$2.20 per share payable in NovaGold shares.

- Coast Mountain Board of Directors recommends voting in favour at special meeting.

- Coast Mountain financial advisor provides fairness opinion on the offer.

**NovaGold Resources Inc.** and **Coast Mountain Power Corp. (TSX VENTURE:MW)** are pleased to announce that they have entered into a definitive agreement for NovaGold to acquire all of the outstanding common shares and stock options of Coast Mountain by way of a mutually agreed Plan of Arrangement. Under the Plan, shares of Coast Mountain will be exchanged for NovaGold shares at a ratio valued at C\$2.20 per Coast Mountain share. This is a significant premium to the trading price of Coast Mountain shares prior to NovaGold's original announcement on April 13, 2006, and represents a total transaction value of approximately C\$45 million. In view of the Plan of Arrangement, NovaGold will not be proceeding with the unsolicited takeover bid announced on April 13, 2006.

Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, CEO of NovaGold, stated, "We are pleased that we have been able to reach agreement with Coast Mountain Power to complete the acquisition of all Coast Mountain's outstanding shares. This new agreement provides NovaGold with significant additional assurances and facilitates the orderly integration of the operations of Coast Mountain Power with NovaGold following completion of the transaction. The development synergies with NovaGold's Galore Creek copper-gold project and Coast Mountain's approved hydroelectric plant and power transmission line will add significant value to both assets."

The Plan of Arrangement transaction has been approved by the board of directors of Coast Mountain following consideration and recommendation of the transaction by a special independent committee of the board. Capital West Partners, the financial advisor to the special independent committee, has advised the board of directors of Coast Mountain that the proposed transaction is fair to shareholders of Coast Mountain from a financial point of view. In addition, shareholders of Coast Mountain, including 4 of its directors, holding approximately 32% of the outstanding common shares of Coast Mountain have entered into agreements to support and vote in favor of the transaction.

The transaction will require approval by 66 2/3% of the votes cast by Coast Mountain shareholders at a special meeting of shareholders to be held on or before July 31, 2006. The board of directors of Coast Mountain is recommending that Coast Mountain shareholders vote in favour of the transaction. Coast Mountain will be preparing and sending to its shareholders a notice of meeting and information circular containing additional details concerning the transaction. Coast Mountain shareholders will receive NovaGold common shares having a value of C\$2.20 for each Coast Mountain common share based upon the weighted average trading price of the NovaGold common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange over the ten consecutive trading days ending three business days prior to the effective date of the Arrangement.

The transaction is also subject to court and regulatory approvals and to certain other conditions including certain waivers and contract modifications from BC Hydro. Under the agreement, Coast Mountain has agreed not to solicit competing transactions and the data room previously set up by Coast Mountain has been closed. Coast Mountain has agreed to pay a termination fee of C\$1.5 million to NovaGold in certain circumstances including in the event the agreement is terminated by Coast Mountain to accept a superior proposal from another prospective bidder.

NovaGold has agreed to purchase a C\$1 million secured debenture of Coast Mountain to fund mutually agreed upon costs related to Forrest Kerr's ongoing development prior to completion of the transaction. The debenture will bear interest at a rate of 12% per annum and be due and payable on the earlier of the occurrence of an event of default or six months following any termination of the Agreement. The debenture may be converted, at NovaGold's option, into common shares of Coast Mountain in certain circumstances.

Coast Mountain is a green power company with hydro-electric projects located near NovaGold's Galore Creek copper-gold project in Northwestern British Columbia. Coast Mountain's largest asset is the Forrest Kerr run-ofriver hydroelectric project which is designed to generate and transmit up to 115 MW of electricity into the BC Hydroelectric grid. Forrest Kerr qualifies as a "green power" project under BC Hydro's Green Power Initiative designed to encourage the development of renewable, low-impact and socially responsible power generation in the Province of British Columbia. The project has received all critical approvals and permits necessary for construction of the hydroelectric plant and power transmission lines to connect to the BC Hydro grid. NovaGold management believes that there are significant development synergies with the Galore Creek project which will add value to both assets over time.

## About NovaGold

NovaGold is rapidly advancing three of North America's largest undeveloped gold and copper deposits: the Galore Creek copper-gold project, the Donlin Creek gold project in partnership with Barrick Gold, the high-grade Ambler copper-zinc-silver-gold project in partnership with Rio Tinto, as well as the Company's Nome Operations including: Rock Creek, Big Hurrah and Nome Gold. NovaGold is well financed with no long-term debt, and has one of the largest resource bases of any exploration or development stage precious metals company. More information is available online at www.novagold.net.

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Re: News Release - Thursday, April 13, 2006 NovaGold Announces Offer for Green Power Project near Galore Creek

April 13, 2006 Vancouver - NovaGold Resources Inc. (TSX/AMEX: NG) announced that it intends to make an offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Coast Mountain Power Corp (TSX-V: MW), a green power company with hydroelectric projects and expertise located near NovaGold's Galore Creek copper-gold project in Northwestern British Columbia. Shareholders of Coast Mountain, including the majority of the Board of Directors of Coast Mountain Power Corp., representing approximately 25% of the outstanding shares have entered into or agreed to enter into binding agreements to tender their shares under the terms

of this offer.

Coast Mountain's largest asset is the Forrest Kerr run-of-river hydroelectric project located southeast of NovaGold's Galore Creek project. Forrest Kerr qualifies as a "green power" project under BC Hydro's Green Power Initiative designed to encourage the development of renewable, low-impact and socially responsible power generation in the Province of British Columbia. NovaGold completed extensive due diligence on the project in early 2006 and believes that Forrest Kerr has significant development synergies with the Galore Creek project and can add value to both assets over time.

The Forrest Kerr project is designed to generate and transmit up to 115 MW of electricity into the BC Hydroelectric grid. The project has received all critical approvals and permits necessary for construction of the hydroelectric plant and power transmission lines to connect to the BC Hydro grid. In addition, Coast Mountain has reached agreement with the Tahltan First Nation in support of Forrest Kerr's development.

"We believe that the addition of Forrest Kerr to NovaGold's portfolio of development assets enhances our Galore Creek project and strengthens NovaGold's position as a leading innovator in our industry in the area of sustainable development and environmental stewardship," said Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse, President and CEO of NovaGold.

Under the offer, shares of Coast Mountain will be exchanged for NovaGold shares on a ratio to be determined based upon the weighted average trading price of NovaGold shares and a value of C\$2.00 per Coast Mountain share. The offer represents a 42% premium to the one month weighted average trading price of Coast Mountain shares in a transaction valued at approximately C\$40 million. The offer will be made by way of a formal offer and take-over bid circular to be mailed to shareholders of Coast Mountain and will be subject to various conditions including receipt of all required regulatory approvals and not less than 66⅔% of the Coast Mountain shares being deposited under the offer and not withdrawn. Further details concerning the offer will be included in the formal offer and take-over bid circular.

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I agree, Peter - doubt if the 'interested' mining companies could mobilize on such short notice; however, the proposal is sound and probably should be 'attacked' before PDAC?

## Tom

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It would probably be a good idea to meet with the Minister at Roundup if the mining companies like Red Chris could bring along others who would benefit from the hydro project. Even better would be a commitment to do some analysis on sharing the costs of the transmission line to improve Forrest Kerr's economics. If the Tahltans and Forrst Kerr want to report progress to the Minister, that might be worth a meeting (Norm, have you sent a Briefing Note to the Minister yet on your facilitation sessions arising from the December 16 meeting with the Minister?) But if it's just Forrest Kerr wanting tax relief, they (and others) have already made their points with government.

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I agree with Norm that the Forrest Kerr power project has very significant economic and social implications for not only the Northwest, but the entire province. However, I believe Roundup will be such a "busy" time for everyone, I wonder if such an important subject as this would/could receive it's fair 'hearing'? I suggest that a 'dedicated' meeting of all the key principals associated with this project be convened shortly after the Roundup, and before the PDAC. Obviously, the Minister's, along with Jerry Asp's, schedules will be the concerns.

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Good Morning: Due to a cancellation by Kinross and one slot we were holding open "just in case", we have two slots available in which the Minister/DM/ADM could meet with companies at Round-Up. They are Tuesday, 27th from 10:00 - 10:45 am and Thursday, 29th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.

Has anyone had any further requests from industry or other stakeholders for a meeting?

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Northwest Geology to Sept 27, 2002

Forrest Kerr'Hydroelectric Project - Provide preliminary comments to Roger McLaughlin (EA office) on Coast <u>Mountain Hydro's Iskut run-of-river hydro project</u>. Advised McLaughlin of the Forrest mineral claim, owned by Steve Todoruk (Pamicon Development).

Maroon Mtn - Seymour Exploration Corp. has cut its drilling program off after 2 short holes (25 km north of Terrace). Rainy fall weather forced cancelation of too many flights in the daily helicopter commute for the drill crew, the method used to avoid putting in a camp. The target, a narrow quartz-sulphide vein with up to 35 g/t Au, was intersected in the first hole (visited Sept 24). The vein follows a bedding-plane fracture in folded Bowser Lake Group sedimentary rocks.

Kitselas First Nation - Brief meeting with Glenn Bennett (chief) and Morris Mason (researcher) in Terrace office (relationship building). Kitselas territory is well mineralized with intrusion related gold and copper veins, moly and tungsten. Kitselas (Paleozoic?) rhyolite may have VMS potential.

John Georgilis - Provide field assistance/instruction to prospector. Enthusiastic but with limited knowledge, prone to assay every rock. John has spent a small fortune (earned in BC hotel business) on mineral exploration in Greece, am trying to make his expenditure in BC more productive.

Foremore - Roca Mines has obtained <u>grab</u> sample assay results of the recently discovered mineral zone from Lome Warren (prospector and property vendor). This method avoids Roca acquiring new data during its IPO process.

Bernie Kreft - Successful Yukon prospector is giving northwest B.C. a try, and has become a fixture at library computer terminal in the Smithers office. Kreft is being funded by Eagle Plains Resources, continuing a long working relationship developed on Yukon mineral properties. Earlier this year Kreft dealt his Copper Canyon claims (NWBC, Galore Creek area) to Eagle Plains.

Yukon Geoscience Forum (Nov 16-19) & Victoria Regional Geology meeting (Nov 20-22) - Approved for travel, seat sale airfare purchased.

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