



# Newlox Gold Ventures Corp.

## **Newlox Adds Senior Environmental Technical Advisor and Successfully Tests Prototype Environmental Technology**

**Vancouver, BC, 12 December 2017** – Newlox Gold Ventures Corp. (“Newlox” or the “Company”) (CSE: LUX | Frankfurt: NGO) advises that Dr Luis Sobral has joined the Advisory Board of Newlox Gold as “Senior Environmental Technical Advisor”.

Dr Sobral graduated in Chemical Engineering from the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (1973). In early 1979 he joined the Centre for Mineral Technology (CETEM) specializing in a metal surface-finishing project at the Nago International Training Center in Japan.

Dr Sobral has been head of the hydrometallurgy and biohydrometallurgy group for more than 30 years at Centre for Mineral Technology (CETEM), under the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology (MCTI). He presided over numerous MSc. and PhD thesis projects focused on the mining and chemical sectors regarding the use of elemental mercury in different industrial branches. He assists many chemical, industrial, and mineral processing plants in Brazil and abroad to maximize the efficiency of their processes while minimizing environmental impact. In particular, Dr Sobral is interested in working with small-scale gold miners to raise awareness concerning the characteristics of mercury and safe handling procedures.

He has extensive experience in Materials Engineering and Metallurgy, with an emphasis in Electrochemical Engineering and Electrometallurgy, working mainly with mercury contamination in artisanal mining. His expertise extends to electro-recovery and electro-refining of metals, precious metals in particular at the Brazilian Mint and other government mints around the world, as well as the impacts of heavy metals on the environment.

Since 2005 Dr Sobral has designed, developed, and optimized research and commercial facilities utilizing bioleaching to recover precious and industrial metals. He is a recognized authority on the subject and has published a book entitled “*Biohydrometallurgical Processes: a Practical Approach*” which he provides free of charge to advance research and development in this field.

Dr Sobral and his colleague Julia Nascimento Souza, a Chemical Engineer at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, have inspected the recently commissioned Newlox processing facility and the surrounding artisanal mining district. This visit allowed evaluation of local conditions, review of the Company’s processing operations, and testing of a cutting-edge system recovering deleterious materials from local historical artisanal mining waste.

The partnership of Newlox Gold and CETEM is pleased to report that the equipment designed by Dr Sobral’s team successfully recovered heavy metals from historical tailings. This bench-scale test advances the Company’s goal of environmental reclamation and precious metals recovery operations, to provide both environmental and social benefits from stand-alone business ventures as opposed to government-subsidized projects.

Ryan Jackson, Newlox President commented: “Having just completed a week-long visit with Dr Sobral and Julia Souza at the Company’s recently commissioned processing facility, we are delighted to have Dr Sobral join the Newlox team as Senior Environmental Technical Advisor. The test of an innovative prototype designed at CETEM to remove historical contamination was a resounding success and we look forward to integrating the first full-scale unit.”

With success at its first plant and having a strengthened technical and operations team, Newlox now plans to deploy its business model on opportunities in Nicaragua.

### **About Newlox Gold Ventures Corp.**

Newlox Gold Ventures Corp. is focused on recovering contaminants and residual precious metals from residual historical waste from a century of inefficient artisanal and small-scale mining. The Company is concentrating on politically and socially stable jurisdictions in Latin America.

Newlox has agreements with local artisanal mining cooperatives to provide a steady supply of feedstock and is currently testing its first processing plant in Central America with its experienced engineer and metallurgist. Hundreds of years of mining history in Latin America and current inefficient artisanal processing provide the Company ample opportunity to grow its business model. Newlox has identified a niche within the extractive industry where a clean-technology company can apply innovative processing techniques to not only recover precious metals but also effect positive change in the environmental and social landscape through its operations.

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