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### **Pretivm Adopts Shareholder Rights Plan**

**Vancouver, British Columbia, April 15, 2016; Pretium Resources Inc.** (TSX/NYSE: PVG) (“Pretivm” or the “Company”) announces that its Board of Directors has adopted a shareholder rights plan (the “Plan”) to replace the expired shareholder rights plan, subject to shareholder and TSX approval.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide Pretivm’s Board of Directors and shareholders with sufficient time to fully consider any unsolicited take-over bid for the Company, to ensure that Pretivm’s Board of Directors has sufficient time to explore alternative transactions that would maximize value for shareholders, and to encourage the fair treatment of all Pretivm shareholders.

Shareholders will be asked to approve the Plan at the annual general and special meeting of shareholders to be held on May 12, 2016. If ratified, the Plan will have an initial term which expires at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held in 2019, unless terminated earlier.

The adoption of the Plan is not in response to any specific proposal to acquire control of Pretivm, and Pretivm is not aware of a specific bid or contemplated bid by any particular company.

In order to implement the Plan, the Board of Directors has authorized the issuance of the rights to holders of Pretivm common shares outstanding on April 12, 2016 (the “Record Time”) at the rate of one right for each common share outstanding. The rights will automatically attach to the common shares outstanding as of the Record Time and no further action will be required by shareholders.

Under the terms of the Plan, a “Permitted Bid” is a bid that is open for not less than 105 days and is made to all shareholders. If, at the end of the 105 days, at least 50% of the outstanding common shares held by independent shareholders have been tendered to the bid, the offeror may take up and pay for the common shares, but must extend the bid for a further 10 business days to allow other shareholders to tender.

The complete Plan is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company’s website [www.pretivm.com](http://www.pretivm.com).

#### **About Pretivm**

Pretivm is constructing a high-grade underground gold mine at its Brucejack Project in northern British Columbia with commercial production targeted for 2017.

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