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PETER HAMBRO MINING PLC

RE: Auction For Shares In Matrosov Mine, Magadan Region, Russia

PETER HAMBRO MINING PLC ("the Company") announces that ZAO "Omchak", a joint venture owned by the Company and the Susumanzoloto mining group, participated in an auction in Moscow this morning for the Russian Government's 38% equity stake in the Matrosov Mine. The closing price of the auction was RUR1.33bn (US\$34m). This price was in excess of that which the boards of Omchak and the Company had decided was sufficiently value-adding for the joint venture.

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Peter Hambro Mining plc - General background information

Peter Hambro Mining is a London-based mining company, whose principal assets are 97.7% of JSC Pokrovskiy Rudnik ("JSCP") and 100% of the Tokur Deposit. JSCP operates 2 gold deposits in the Amur Region of Russia. Its principal deposit is the Pokrovskiy mine, which is expected to produce c.120,000 ounces in 2003 and has been operating since 1999 reporting cash costs of US\$136 per ounce in 2002. Pokrovskiy has reported reserves and resources of 2.9 million ounces. JSCP's other gold deposit is located some 35km from Pokrovskiy and is called Pioneer. Pioneer is at an advanced stage of exploration and recently reported reserves and resources of 9.4 million ounces - including a high grade zone of 635,000 ounces at 14 grammes per tonne.

Peter Hambro Mining recently announced the acquisition of the Tokur Deposit. Tokur is located in the Amur Region some 450km from the Pokrovskiy mine and is served by road and rail connections. Independent resource estimates for the deposit indicate reserves and resources 8.1 million ounces. On this basis, completion of the acquisition takes the Group's estimated total reserves and resources for the Group to approximately 19 million ounces.

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Exchange	London AIM
Ticker	POG
Industry	Gold Mining
Geography	UK company with assets in Eastern Russia

Equity 63,998,594 issued shares

PETER HAMBRO MINING PLC ADR

Ticker	POGNY
CUSIP No.	71602M104
Ratio	1 ADR : 2 shares
Type	Sponsored Level I ADR
Exchange	OTC
Effective Date	7th July 2003
Sponsoring Depository Bank	The Bank of New York
Local Custodian	The Bank of New York