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See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions. E21953 - P86766 *** Exercise Your Right to Vote *** Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 5, 2017. NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above . This is not a ballot . You cannot use this notice to vote these shares . This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet . You may view the proxy materials online at [www . proxyvote . com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side) . We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting . Meeting Information Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 13, 2017 Date: May 5, 2017 Time: 1:00 PM (Pacific Daylight Time) Location: Hyatt Regency Vancouver Grouse Room 655 Burrard Street Vancouver, BC V6C 2R7, Canada

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Voting Items E21955 - P86766 The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals: 1. 2. Appointment of Auditors Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending November 30 , 2017 , and authorizing the Directors to fix their remuneration . See disclosure under the heading "Appointment of Auditors" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . 3. 4. 5. 6. Approval of Non - Binding Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation To approve a non - binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Stock Award Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Stock Award Plan . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Performance Share Unit Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Performance Share Unit Plan . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Deferred Share Unit Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Deferred Share Unit Plan . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Election of Directors Nominees: 1a. Sharon Dowdall 1b. Dr. Marc Faber 1c. Dr. Thomas Kaplan 1d. Gregory Lang 1e. Gillyeard Leathley 1f. Igor Levental 1g. Kalidas Madhavpeddi 1h. Gerald McConnell 1i. Clynton Nauman 1j. Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse 1k. Anthony Walsh See disclosure under the heading "Election of Directors" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 .

Voting Instructions E21956 - P86766

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX] Date TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS: Vote by Internet: Vote by Phone: Vote by Mail: www.proxyvote.com 1 - 800 - 454 - 8683 Use the envelope enclosed PLEASE "X" HERE ONLY IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND VOTE THESE SHARES IN PERSON ! NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. ANNUAL MEETING FOR HOLDERS AS OF 3/13/17 TO BE HELD ON 5/5/17 Your vote is important. Thank you for voting. Read the Proxy Statement and have the voting instruction form below at hand . Please note that the telephone and Internet voting turns off at 11 : 59 p . m . ET the night before the meeting or cutoff date . Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting. The following materials are available at www.proxyvote.com: Notice & Proxy Statement and Annual Report E21952 - P86766 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals: 1. Election of Directors Nominees: 1a. Sharon Dowdall 1d. Gregory Lang 1e. Gillyeard Leathley 1f. Igor Levental 1g. Kalidas Madhavpeddi 1h. Gerald McConnell 1i. Clynton Nauman 1j. Rick Van Nieuwenhuysen For Withhold 2. Appointment of Auditors Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending November 30 , 2017 , and authorizing the Directors to fix their remuneration . See disclosure under the heading "Appointment of Auditors" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated Compensation To approve a non - binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . 4. Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Stock Award Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Stock Award Plan . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . 5. Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Performance Share Unit Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Performance Share Unit Plan . See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out !! in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . !! 6. Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Deferred Share Unit Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Deferred Share Unit Plan. See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. 1k. Anthony Walsh See disclosure under the heading "Election of Directors" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23 , 2017 . For Withhold !!!!!!!!!!!!! 1b. Dr. Marc Faber !! March 23 , 2017 . 1c. Dr. Thomas Kaplan !! 3. Approval of Non - Binding Advisory Vote on Executive For Against Abstain

Shareholder Meeting Notice 01ASSB Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. Annual Meeting to be Held on May 5, 2017 The Canadian securities regulators have adopted policies which permit the use of notice - and - access for proxy solicitation instead of the traditional physical delivery of proxy materials . The Company is availing itself of the notice - and - access policies and as a result, you will not be receiving a paper copy of the proxy materials in respect of the Annual Meeting unless specifically requested in accordance with the instructions in this Notice . You are receiving this notice to advise that the proxy materials for the above noted meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important! In order to comply with the policies adopted by the Canadian securities regulators and the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. will mail this communication to you twice. The first mailing will include this communication only and the second mailing will include this communication together with the proxy that can be used to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The Management Information Circular and annual report to shareholders are available at: Easy Online Access — A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares. Under notice - and - access, proxy materials will be available for viewing up to one year from the date of posting. Shareholders with questions about notice and access can contact the Company's transfer agent by calling Computershare Investor Services Inc. toll free at 1 - 866 - 964 - 0492. Obtaining a Paper or Email Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a paper or email copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before April 21, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery of a paper copy of proxy materials for the May 5, 2017 Annual Meeting. . **IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION** Have questions about this notice? Call the Toll Free Number below or scan the QR code to find out more Toll Free – 1 - 866 - 964 - 0492 [www.computershare.com/ noticeandaccess](http://www.computershare.com/noticeandaccess) http://www.envisionreports.com/Novagold_2017 or www.sedar.com N R I Q

Shareholder Meeting Notice The NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on May 5, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver, Grouse Room, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 2R7, Canada, at 1:00pm (Pacific Daylight Time). VOTING ITEMS The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: 02 Dr. Marc Faber 07 Kalidas Madhavpeddi 03 Dr. Thomas Kaplan 08 Gerald McConnell 04 Gregory Lang 09 Clynton Nauman 05 Gillyeard Leathley 10 Rick Van Nieuwenhuys 1 Election of Directors: Nominees 01 Sharon Dowdall 06 Igor Levental 11 Anthony Walsh 01ASTB . See “Election of Directors” as set out in the Management Information Circular dated March 23, 2017. 2 Appointment of Auditors: Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and authorizing the Directors to fix their remuneration. 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To assure your representation at the Annual Meeting, please complete, sign, date and return the proxy that is delivered to you. Sending your proxy will not prevent you from voting in person at the Meeting. Shareholders who do not wish to attend the Annual Meeting or do not wish to vote in person can vote by proxy. A registered shareholder must return the completed proxy to the Company: (a) by delivering the proxy to the Toronto office of the Company’s transfer agent, Computershare, at its office at 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2Y1, for receipt not later than May 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time (1:00 p.m. Pacific time); (b) by fax to the Toronto office of Computershare, Attention: Proxy Tabulation at 416 - 263 - 9524 or 1 - 866 - 249 - 7775, not later than May 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time (1:00 p.m. Pacific time); (c) by internet at http://www.envisionreports.com/Novagold_2017 not later than May 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time (1:00 p.m. Pacific time); or (d) by telephone by calling toll - free in North America 1 - 866 - 732 - 8683 and following the instructions, no later than May 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time (1:00 p.m. Pacific time). How to Obtain Paper or Email Copies of the Proxy Materials Shareholders may request to receive paper or email copies of current and future meeting materials by mail or email at no cost . Requests for copies may be made using your Control Number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side of this notice . If you request an email copy, you will receive an email with a hyperlink to the proxy materials . Registered shareholders may enroll to receive future meeting materials by email by visiting [www . computershare . com/eDelivery](http://www.computershare.com/eDelivery) and clicking on “eDelivery Signup” . Request materials: BY TELEPHONE: Call Toll Free, within North America – 1 - 866 - 962 - 0498 or direct, from Outside of North America – (514)982 - 8716 and enter your Control Number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side. BY INTERNET: http://www.envisionreports.com/Novagold_2017 BY EMAIL : Send email to [service@computershare . com](mailto:service@computershare.com) with “Proxy Materials NovaGold Resources Inc . ” in the subject line . Include in the message your full name and address, plus the Control Number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side of this notice, and state in the email that you want a paper or email copy of current meeting materials . To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be submitted by April 21, 2017 and all requests for an email copy of the proxy materials must be submitted by May 2, 2017. To obtain paper or email copies after the meeting date, please contact NOVAGOLD at 1 - 866 - 669 - 6227.

Form of Proxy - Annual General Meeting to be held on May 5, 2017 01AUQA F old F old This Form of Proxy is solicited by and on behalf of Management. Notes to proxy 1. Every holder has the right to appoint some other person or company of their choice, who need not be a holder, to attend and act on their behalf at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof . If you wish to appoint a person or company other than the persons whose names are printed herein, please insert the name of your chosen proxyholder in the space provided (see reverse) . 2. If the securities are registered in the name of more than one owner (for example, joint ownership, trustees, executors, etc.), then all those registered should sign this proxy. If you are voting on behalf of a corporation or another individual you must sign this proxy with signing capacity stated, and you may be required to provide documentation evidencing your power to sign this proxy. 3. This proxy should be signed in the exact manner as the name(s) appear(s) on the proxy. 4. If this proxy is not dated, it will be deemed to bear the date on which it is mailed by Management to the holder. 5. The securities represented by this proxy will be voted as directed by the holder, however, if such a direction is not made in respect of any matter, this proxy will be voted as recommended by Management. 6. The securities represented by this proxy will be voted in favour or withheld from voting or voted against each of the matters described herein, as applicable, in accordance with the instructions of the holder, on any ballot that may be called for and, if the holder has specified a choice with respect to any matter to be acted on, the securities will be voted accordingly. 7. This proxy confers discretionary authority in respect of amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting or other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. 8. This proxy should be read in conjunction with the accompanying documentation provided by Management. Proxies submitted must be received by 1:00 PM, Pacific Time, on May 3, 2017.

220743 01AURA F old F old N R I Q Authorized Signature(s) - This section must be completed for your instructions to be executed. I/We authorize you to act in accordance with my/our instructions set out above. I/We hereby revoke any proxy previously given with respect to the Meeting. If no voting instructions are indicated above, this Proxy will be voted as recommended by Management. MM / DD / YY D a t e Sign a t u r e(s) 01. Sharon Dowdall For Withhold 04. Gregory Lang 02. Dr. Marc Faber For Withhold 05. Gillyeard Leathley 03. Dr. Thomas Kaplan For Withhold 06. Igor Levental 2. Appointment of Auditors Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2017, and authorizing the Directors to fix their remuneration. See disclosure under the heading "Appointment of Auditors" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23, 2017. For Withhold 3. Approval of Non - Binding Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation To approve a non - binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers. See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23, 2017. For Against Abstain 4. Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Stock Award Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Stock Award Plan. See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23, 2017. For Against Abstain 5. Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Performance Share Unit Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Performance Share Unit Plan. See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23, 2017. For Against Abstain 6. Approval of All Unallocated Entitlements Under the Deferred Share Unit Plan To approve all unallocated entitlements under the Company's Deferred Share Unit Plan. See disclosure under the heading "Additional Matters to be Acted Upon" as set out in the Company's Management Information Circular dated March 23, 2017. 07. Kalidas Madhavpeddi 10. Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse 08. Gerald McConnell 11. Anthony Walsh 09. Clynton Nauman Appointment of Proxyholder I/We being holder(s) of NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. hereby appoint: Dr. Thomas Kaplan, or failing him, Gregory A. Lang, or failing him, David L. Deisley, or failing him, Tricia F. Pannier, Print the name of the person you are appointing if this person is someone other than Dr. Thomas Kaplan, Gregory A. Lang, David L. Deisley, or Tricia F. Pannier. OR as my/our proxyholder with full power of substitution and to attend, act and to vote for and on behalf of the shareholder in accordance with the following direction (or if no directions have been given, as the proxyholder sees fit) and all other matters that may properly come before the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC . to be held at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver, Grouse Room, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V 6 C 2 R 7 , Canada, on May 5 , 2017 at 1 : 00 PM, Pacific Time, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof . VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INDICATED BY HIGHLIGHTED TEXT OVER THE BOXES . 1 . Election of Directors For Against Abstain

Security Class Holder Account Number 8 th Floor, 100 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario M 5 J 2 Y 1 ww w . computershare . com Form of Proxy - Annual General Meeting to be held on May 5, 2017 01ASOA F old F old If you vote by telephone or the Internet, DO NOT mail back this proxy. Voting by mail may be the only method for securities held in the name of a corporation or securities being voted on behalf of another individual. Voting by mail or by Internet are the only methods by which a holder may appoint a person as proxyholder other than the Management nominees named on the reverse of this proxy. Instead of mailing this proxy, you may choose one of the two voting methods outlined above to vote this proxy. To vote by telephone or the Internet, you will need to provide your CONTROL NUMBER listed below. CONTROL NUMBER VOTE USING THE TELEPHONE OR INTERNET 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK! To Vote Using the Telephone To Vote Using the Internet To Receive Documents Electronically • Call the number listed BELOW from a touch tone telephone. 1 - 866 - 732 - VOTE (8683) Toll Free • Go to the following web site: www.investorvote.com • Smartphone? Scan the QR code to vote now. • You can enroll to receive future securityholder communications electronically by visiting www.investorcentre.com and clicking at the bottom of the page. This Form of Proxy is solicited by and on behalf of Management. Notes to proxy 1. Every holder has the right to appoint some other person or company of their choice, who need not be a holder, to attend and act on their behalf at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof . If you wish to appoint a person or company other than the persons whose names are printed herein, please insert the name of your chosen proxyholder in the space provided (see reverse) . 2. If the securities are registered in the name of more than one owner (for example, joint ownership, trustees, executors, etc.), then all those registered should sign this proxy. If you are voting on behalf of a corporation or another individual you must sign this proxy with signing capacity stated, and you may be required to provide documentation evidencing your power to sign this proxy. 3. This proxy should be signed in the exact manner as the name(s) appear(s) on the proxy. 4. If this proxy is not dated, it will be deemed to bear the date on which it is mailed by Management to the holder. 5. The securities represented by this proxy will be voted as directed by the holder, however, if such a direction is not made in respect of any matter, this proxy will be voted as recommended by Management. 6. The securities represented by this proxy will be voted in favour or withheld from voting or voted against each of the matters described herein, as applicable, in accordance with the instructions of the holder, on any ballot that may be called for and, if the holder has specified a choice with respect to any matter to be acted on, the securities will be voted accordingly. 7. This proxy confers discretionary authority in respect of amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting or other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. 8. This proxy should be read in conjunction with the accompanying documentation provided by Management. Proxies submitted must be received by 1:00 PM, Pacific Time, on May 3, 2017.

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