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Meridian Announces Closing of \$18.4M Bought Deal Public Offering

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LONDON, United Kingdom, May 2, 2023, Meridian Mining UK S (TSX:MNO) (Frankfurt/Tradegate:2MM) (“Meridian” or the “Company”), is pleased to announce that the Company has closed the bought deal offering previously announced on April 24, 2023 by issuing 36,800,000 common shares of the Company (the “Offered Shares”) at \$0.50 per Offered Share (the “Issue Price”) for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of \$18,400,000 (the “Offering”) pursuant to terms of the underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) entered into among the Company, Beacon Securities Limited and Raymond James Ltd. (the “Co-Lead Underwriters”), Cormark Securities Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc. and Stifel Nicolaus Canada Inc. (collectively with the Co-Lead Underwriters, the “Underwriters”). The Offering included 4,800,000 Offered Shares issued pursuant to the full exercise of the over-allotment option by the Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement.

Mr. Gilbert Clark, Executive Chairman, comments: “Meridian greatly appreciates the strong support from its existing and new shareholders, and the exceptional efforts of the Underwriters in positioning Meridian for long-term value creation. The Company’s focus is on the development of the advanced Cabaçal copper-gold project and the unlocking of the exciting potential of this emerging 50km long, VMS belt in Brazil.”

The Company intends to use the net proceeds to advance the development of the Cabaçal project, regional exploration in the Cabaçal district and exploration of other Brazilian projects, working capital and general corporate purposes.

An insider of the Company participated in the Offering and purchased an aggregate of 50,000 Offered Shares. Participation of the insider in the Offering constituted a “related party transaction” as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“MI 61-101”), but was exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101, as neither the fair market value of the securities issued to the insider nor the consideration paid by the insider exceeded 25% of the Company’s market capitalization. None of the Company’s directors expressed any contrary views or disagreements with respect to the foregoing. The Company did not file a material change report 21 days prior to the closing of the Offering as the details of the participation of the insider of the Company had not been confirmed at that time.

The Offered Shares issued pursuant to the Offering were qualified for distribution by way of a prospectus supplement of the Company dated April 26, 2023 (the “Prospectus Supplement”) to the Company’s existing short form base shelf prospectus dated February 24, 2023 (the “Base Shelf Prospectus”) filed in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario, and offered and sold to eligible purchasers by way of available prospectus exemptions in certain jurisdictions outside of Canada. The Base Shelf Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, the documents incorporated by reference therein and the Underwriting Agreement are available on the Company’s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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About Meridian:

Meridian Mining UK S is focused on the acquisition, exploration, and development activities in Brazil. The Company is currently focused on resource development of the advanced Cabaçal VMS gold-copper project, the regional scale exploration of the Cabaçal VMS belt, the exploration in the Jaurú & Araputanga Greenstone belts all located in the state of Mato Grosso and exploring the Espigão polymetallic project in the State of Rondônia Brazil.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Meridian Mining UK S

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