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**GOLDEN STAR ASKS ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION TO SET ASIDE
IAMGOLD S POISON PILL**

Announces Intention to Extend Offer to July 30 to Facilitate OSC Challenge

Denver, Colorado, July 15, 2004 Golden Star Resources Ltd. (TSX:GSC; AMEX:GSS) announced today that it has asked the Ontario Securities Commission to set aside the shareholder rights plan, or poison pill, recently adopted by the board of directors of IAMGold Corporation (TSX:IMG; AMEX:IAG) as an improper defensive response to Golden Star's offer to acquire all the common shares of IAMGold so that IAMGold's shareholders will be in a position to decide whether to accept its offer.

On June 10 Golden Star announced its formal offer with an expiry date of July 16. The IAMGold rights plan was announced on July 13.

To allow the OSC sufficient time to deal with its request, Golden Star also announced that it intends to extend the expiration date of its offer, which was set to expire at 9:00 p.m. on Friday July 16, to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30.

The IAMGold poison pill is simply the latest in a series of blocking tactics taken by IAMGold to prevent its shareholders from being given an opportunity to consider our offer, said Peter Bradford, Golden Star's President and CEO. The Ontario Superior Court ruled that IAMGold has been in play since we first made our proposal on May 27. We believe that it was clearly improper to adopt a poison pill, without shareholder approval, three days before our offer was due to expire.

IAMGold has advised Golden Star that while it intends to provide confidential information to other third parties, it is not willing to provide such information to Golden Star on a timely basis. IAMGold has not responded constructively to Golden Star's repeated requests for access to conduct confirmatory due diligence, which (assuming satisfaction of its minimum tender condition) is the only remaining unsatisfied condition to Golden Star's offer.

In spite of IAMGold's public statement that its poison pill is not intended to block Golden Star, the process seems to be aimed very specifically at frustrating Golden Star's offer and denying IAMGold's shareholders an opportunity to accept it, Mr. Bradford said.

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Under the terms of Golden Star's offer, IAMGold shareholders would receive:

1.25 Golden Star shares per IAMGold share; OR

1.15 Golden Star shares plus C\$0.50 cash per IAMGold share

In addition, Golden Star will pay a further C\$0.20 in cash per IAMGold share to tendering IAMGold shareholders when it is definitively determined that no break fee is paid or payable to Wheaton River Minerals Ltd. in accordance with the Amended and Restated Agreement between IAMGold and Wheaton River dated April 29, 2004. Based on the current lack of information about whether the break fee is payable to Wheaton River following the IAMGold shareholders rejection of the merger, there can be no assurance that the C\$0.20 per IAMGold share payment will be made or of the timing of any such payment.

Golden Star's offer (excluding the additional C\$0.20 per IAMGold share cash payment) represents a premium of 23% to the IAMGold closing share price on May 27, 2004, the last trading day prior to the announcement of Golden Star's initial proposal.

BMO Nesbitt Burns is acting as Golden Star's financial advisor in connection with the offer, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP is acting as Golden Star's Canadian legal advisor and Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP is acting as Golden Star's U.S. legal advisor. **For further information about the offer, IAMGold shareholders should contact Innisfree M&A Incorporated at 1-877-825-8772 (English speakers) or 1-877-825-8777 (French speakers).**

About Golden Star

Golden Star holds a 90% equity interest in the Bogoso/Prestea open-pit gold mine and the nearby Wassa gold project, which is expected to commence production mid-year. Both mines, which are expected to reach an annualized production rate of approximately 350,000 ounces in 2005, are located in Ghana near two of IAMGold's joint venture mines. In addition, Golden Star has an 81% interest in the currently inactive Prestea Underground Mine on the Bogoso/Prestea property, as well as gold exploration interests elsewhere in West Africa and in the Guiana Shield of South America. Golden Star has approximately 139 million common shares outstanding.

Cautionary Statements

Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information: Some statements contained in this news release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Such statements include comments regarding estimated production, the benefits of the transaction proposed by Golden Star and the development potential of Golden Star's properties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include timing of and unexpected events during construction, expansion and start-up; variations in ore grade, tonnes mined, crushed or milled; variations in relative amounts of refractory, non-refractory and transition ores; delay or failure to receive board or government approvals; timing and availability of external financing on acceptable terms; technical, permitting, mining or processing issues;

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fluctuations in gold price and costs; orders or decisions by the Ontario Securities Commission in response to Golden Star's claims; or lack of IAMGold shareholder support for the transaction proposed by Golden Star. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting the Company will be those anticipated by management. Please refer to the discussion of these and other risk factors in our Form 10-K for 2003. The forward looking information contained in this press release constitutes management's current estimates, as of the date of this press release, with respect to the matters covered thereby. We expect that these estimates will change as new information is received and that actual results will vary from these estimates, possibly by material amounts. While we may elect to update these estimates at any time, we do not undertake to update any estimate at any particular time or in response to any particular event. Investors and others should not assume that any forecasts in this press release represent management's estimate as of any date other than the date of this press release.

This press release does not constitute an offer to buy or sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy or sell, any of the securities of Golden Star or IAMGold. Such an offer may only be made in the United States pursuant to a registration statement and prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Golden Star is amending its Registration Statement on SEC Form S-4 to reflect the extension of its offer until July 30, and will mail the revised prospectus and related offer documents to IAMGold shareholders in the United States. Golden Star is also amending its Schedule 14D-1F which includes certain other documents related to the business combination, including the notice of extension and variation. WE URGE INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and shareholders may obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. In addition, documents filed with the SEC by Golden Star are available free of charge from Golden Star Investor Relations, 10901 West Toller Drive, Suite 300, Littleton, Colorado 80127-6312, telephone no. (303) 830-9000, toll free no. (800) 553-8436.

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