

AUGUSTA SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR CONTINUATION OF RIGHTS PLAN

- Announces Results of Annual and Special Meeting -

Toronto, Ontario, May 2, 2014 – Augusta Resource Corporation (TSX and NYSE MKT: AZC) ("Augusta" or the "Company") reports a summary of the results of the vote today from its annual general and special meeting of shareholders, including the results for the continuation of its shareholder rights plan. Shareholders voted in favour of all items put forward by the Board of Directors and management.

The resolution to approve the continuance of the shareholder rights plan was approved by 94.00% of the votes cast at the meeting, excluding votes cast by HudBay Minerals Inc. ("HudBay"). Shares representing 73.78% of the issued and outstanding common shares, excluding shares held by HudBay, were voted on the resolution. The Company will place the results of the vote before the hearing of the British Columbia Securities Commission, which is scheduled to conclude this afternoon.

A total of 126,151,067 Augusta common shares were voted at the meeting, representing 86.76% of total shares issued and outstanding as at the record date of the meeting.

Each of the nominees listed in Augusta's Management Information Circular dated April 7, 2014 was elected as a director. A summary of the results is provided below:

Name of Nominee	Votes For	%*	Votes Withheld	%*
Timothy Baker	85,772,028	75.69	27,552,471	24.31
Lenard Boggio	87,851,405	77.52	25,473,094	22.48
Gilmour Clausen	90,084,447	79.49	23,240,052	20.51
W. Durand (Randy) Eppler	85,757,903	75.67	27,566,596	24.33
Christopher M.H. Jennings	90,084,947	79.49	23,239,552	20.51
Robert P. Pirooz	89,938,067	79.36	23,386,432	20.64
Robert P. Wares	85,772,028	75.69	27,552,471	24.31
Richard W. Warke	89,746,222	79.19	23,578,277	20.81

* Percentage calculated based on the total voted common shares, including HudBay.

Shareholders also voted in favour of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and authorized directors to fix their remuneration.

About Augusta

Augusta is a base metals company focused on advancing the Rosemont Copper deposit near Tucson, Arizona. Rosemont hosts a large copper/molybdenum reserve that would account for about 10% of U.S. copper output once in production (for details refer to <u>www.augustaresource.com</u>). The exceptional experience and strength of Augusta's management team, combined with the developed infrastructure and robust economics of the Rosemont project, propels Augusta to becoming a solid mid-tier copper producer.

181 Bay Street, 2nd Floor Heritage Building Toronto, ON M5J 2T3 T: 416 860 6310 E: info@augustaresource.com Augusta's shares are listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE MKT under the symbol AZC.

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