

Copper Canyon Resources Ltd  
Form 425  
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Subject Company: Copper Canyon Resources Ltd.  
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## **NovaGold Resources Inc.**

**Offer to purchase all of the issued and outstanding common shares of  
Copper Canyon Resources Ltd.**

**DO NOT DEVIATE FROM THE SCRIPT OR OFFER ANY PERSONAL COMMENT.**

This script must be strictly adhered to. You must NOT PROVIDE YOUR OWN OPINION and all answers must be based on publicly available information. Do not give any advice AS THIS COULD LEAVE US OPEN TO LIABILITY.

### **The Offer**

**Offer Consideration:** 0.0425 of a NovaGold Share for each common share of Copper Canyon Resources Ltd.

**Offer Premium:** Based on the closing price of NovaGold Shares on the TSX on December 17, 2010, the Offer represents a premium of approximately 41.8% over the closing price of Copper Canyon Shares on the TSXV on the same date. Based on the volume-weighted average price of NovaGold Shares on the TSX for the 20 trading days ended December 17, 2010, the Offer represents a premium of approximately 33.4% over the volume-weighted average price of Copper Canyon Shares on the TSXV for the same period.

Prior to the announcement of NovaGold's intention to make an offer for Copper Canyon, Copper Canyon's shares had not closed above the implied Offer value of approximately \$0.60 per share since November 2007 on the TSXV.

**Expiry Date:** February 23th, 2011 @ 5.00p.m Eastern Time.

**Depositary:** **COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC.**  
Toll Free (North America): 1-800-564-6253 (Overseas:1-514-982-7555)  
Email: corporateactions@computershare.com

**By Mail:**  
Computershare Investor Services Inc.  
P.O. Box 7021, 31 Adelaide Street E.,  
Toronto, ON, M5C 3H2

**By Hand, Courier or Registered Mail**  
Computershare Investor Services Inc.  
9th Floor, 100 University Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1  
Attention: Corporate Actions

**Dealer Manger** TD Securities Inc.

**Minimum tender  
condition:**

At least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the issued and outstanding Copper Canyon Shares (calculated on a fully-diluted basis) at the Expiry Time.

## THE OFFER INFORMATION

### Q1: WHAT IS THE OFFER?

NovaGold Resources Inc. ( **NovaGold** or the **Offeror** ) is offering (the **Offer** ) to purchase all of the issued and outstanding common shares (the **Copper Canyon Shares** ) of Copper Canyon Resources Ltd. ( **Copper Canyon** ) (other than those beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by NovaGold and its affiliates), including any Copper Canyon Shares that may become issued and outstanding after the date of this Offer but prior to the Expiry Time upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of any securities of Copper Canyon (other than SRP Rights) that are convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Copper Canyon Shares, and together with the associated rights (the **SRP Rights** ) issued under the Shareholder Rights Plan of Copper Canyon.

0.0425 of a NovaGold Share for each common share of Copper Canyon Resources Ltd.

### Q2: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFER?

The purpose of the Offer is to enable NovaGold to acquire all of the outstanding Copper Canyon Shares. If the Offer is successful and NovaGold acquires all of the outstanding Copper Canyon Shares, the acquisition of Copper Canyon by NovaGold will consolidate NovaGold's interest in the Copper Canyon property.

Copper Canyon's principal asset is its 40% joint venture interest in the Copper Canyon copper-gold-silver property. A wholly-owned subsidiary of NovaGold owns the remaining 60% joint venture interest in the Copper Canyon property. NovaGold believes that there may be a benefit from simplifying the ownership structure of the Copper Canyon joint venture and that consolidating ownership of the Copper Canyon property will facilitate development of this asset and could add value to both the Galore Creek and Copper Canyon assets over time.

### Q3: WHY SHOULD I TENDER MY SHARES TO THE OFFER?

**Compelling Premium.** Based on the closing price of NovaGold Shares on the TSX on December 17, 2010, the Offer represents a premium of approximately 41.8% over the closing price of Copper Canyon Shares on the TSXV on the same date. Based on the volume-weighted average price of NovaGold Shares on the TSX for the 20 trading days ended December 17, 2010, the Offer represents a premium of approximately 33.4% over the volume-weighted average price of Copper Canyon Shares on the TSXV for the same period.

#### **In addition to the attractive premium,**

- Copper Canyon Shareholders who tender to the offer will enjoy upside exposure to the Galore Creek project, a large copper-gold-silver project owned equally by NovaGold and Teck Resources Ltd. and situated adjacent to the Copper Canyon property. Given the difficult topography, the small size and inferred category of the known resource and the low copper grade on the Copper Canyon property, the Copper Canyon resources are not currently and are not anticipated to be part of the mine plan for Galore Creek.
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Copper Canyon Shareholders who tender to the offer will gain exposure to NovaGold's other world-class projects, including Donlin Creek and Ambler.

- NovaGold believes that Copper Canyon Shareholders who tender to the offer will benefit from NovaGold's greater financial capability and the significantly greater trading liquidity afforded by NovaGold shares.

*(refer to circular for complete details)*

**Q4: HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO TENDER TO THE OFFER?**

The Offer will be open until February 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2011 @ 5.00p.m Eastern Time ( **Expiry Time** ).

**Q5: HOW DO I ACCEPT THE OFFER AND TENDER MY SHARES?**

**Beneficial shareholders**

Shareholders whose Shares are registered in the name of a nominee should consult their broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company or other nominee for assistance in depositing their Shares.

**Registered Shareholders**

Shareholders who wish to accept the Offer and deposit their Shares must properly complete and execute the accompanying Letter of Transmittal (printed on yellow paper) or a manually signed facsimile thereof and deposit it, together with the certificates representing their Shares and all other required documents, at the Toronto office of the Depository in accordance with the instructions in the Letter of Transmittal.

**Q6: IF I ACCEPT THE OFFER, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE NOVAGOLD SHARES?**

If the conditions of the Offer are satisfied or waived, you will receive the NovaGold Shares issued as consideration for the Copper Canyon Shares tendered to the Offer promptly after the Expiry Time.

**Q7: IF I DECIDE NOT TO TENDER, HOW WILL MY COPPER CANYON SHARES BE AFFECTED?**

If NovaGold takes up and pays for the Copper Canyon Shares validly tendered, NovaGold currently intends to take such action as is necessary, including effecting a Compulsory Acquisition or a Subsequent Acquisition Transaction, to acquire any Copper Canyon Shares not tendered. It is NovaGold's current intention that the consideration to be offered for Copper Canyon Shares under such Subsequent Acquisition Transaction will be the same consideration offered under the Offer.

**Q8: WILL I HAVE TO PAY ANY FEES OR COMMISSIONS IF I ACCEPT THE OFFER?**

**Registered Shareholders**

If you are the registered owner of your Copper Canyon Shares and you tender your Copper Canyon Shares directly to the Depository you will not have to pay brokerage fees or incur similar expenses.

**Beneficial shareholders**

If you own your Copper Canyon Shares through a broker or other nominee and your broker tenders the Copper Canyon Shares on your behalf, your broker or nominee may charge you a fee for doing so. You should consult your broker or nominee to determine whether any charges will apply.

**Q9: WILL FRACTIONAL SHARES BE ISSUED IN**

No. NovaGold will not issue fractional NovaGold Shares. Instead, where a Copper Canyon Shareholder is to receive NovaGold Shares as consideration under the

**THE OFFER?**

Offer and the aggregate number of NovaGold Shares to be issued to such Copper Canyon Shareholder would result in a fraction of a NovaGold Share being issuable, the number of NovaGold Shares to be received by such Copper Canyon Shareholder will either be rounded up (if the fractional interest is 0.5 or more) or rounded down (if the fractional interest is less than 0.5) to the nearest whole number.

**Q10: HOW WILL  
COPPER CANYON  
OPTIONS BE TREATED  
IN THE OFFER?**

The Offer is made only for outstanding Copper Canyon Shares and not for any Copper Canyon Options or other rights to acquire Copper Canyon Shares. Any holder of such securities who wishes to accept the Offer must, to the extent permitted by the terms thereof and applicable law, fully exercise or convert such securities sufficiently in advance of the Expiry Time of the Offer in order to obtain Copper Canyon Shares that may be deposited in accordance with the terms of the Offer.

## COMPANY INFORMATION

### **Q11: Who is NovaGold?**

NovaGold is a precious metals company engaged in the exploration and development of mineral properties situated principally in Alaska, U.S. and British Columbia, Canada. NovaGold is focused on advancing its two core properties, Donlin Creek and Galore Creek. NovaGold believes it offers good leverage to gold with one of the largest reserve/resource bases of any junior or mid-tier gold company. NovaGold has an established track record of expanding deposits through exploration success and forging collaborative partnerships, both with local communities and with major mining companies. The Donlin Creek project in Alaska, one of the world's largest undeveloped gold deposits, is held by a limited liability company owned equally by NovaGold and Barrick Gold U.S. Inc. The Galore Creek project in British Columbia, a large copper-gold-silver deposit, is held by a partnership owned equally by NovaGold and Teck. NovaGold also owns a 100% interest in the high-grade Ambler copper-zinc-gold-silver deposit in northern Alaska and has other earlier-stage exploration properties.

Copper Canyon's principal asset is its 40% joint venture interest in the Copper Canyon copper-gold-silver property. A wholly-owned subsidiary of NovaGold owns the remaining 60% joint venture interest in the Copper Canyon property.

NovaGold is a Canadian company, organized under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia. Its principal offices are located at Suite 2300, 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1S4 and the phone number is (604) 669-6227. The registered and records office is located at Purdy's Wharf Tower II, 1300-1969 Upper Water Street, P.O. Box 730, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2V1.

### **Q12: Where are the NovaGold shares listed?**

NovaGold's common shares are listed on the TSX and NYSE-AMEX under the symbol **NG**.

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*This document is for information purposes and is not a substitute for the Offer and Circular. NovaGold has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form F-8, which includes the Offer and Circular. Copper Canyon Shareholders are urged to read the Offer and Circular and any other materials relating to the Offer, including the registration statement on Form F-8, because they contain important information. Copies of the circular and other materials relating to the Offer can be obtained free of charge at the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or on the EDGAR website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or from Laurel Hill Advisory Group, who is acting as NovaGold's Information Agent (Toll Free 1-877-304-0211).*

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