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EMGOLD ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

Emgold Mining Corporation (EMR:TSX Venture Exchange) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has arranged a non-brokered private placement with the Contrarian Resource Fund 2003 No. 1 Limited Partnership for the issue of up to 160,000 flow-through units at \$0.95 per unit for total proceeds of up to \$152,000. Each unit will be comprised of one flow-through common share and one non-flow-through share purchase warrant. Each share purchase warrant is exercisable to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$1.25 for a period of 12 months from the date of closing of the private placement. Canaccord Capital Corporation will receive a finder’s fee consisting of a cash payment equal to 8% of the gross proceeds derived from the private placement, and that number of non-transferable compensation warrants equal to 10% of the total number of flow-through units sold. Each non-transferable compensation warrant is exercisable to acquire one additional common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$1.25 for a period of 12 months from the date of closing of the private placement.

Proceeds from the private placement will be used to fund exploration programs on the Company’s Rozan and Stewart gold properties situated in southeastern British Columbia. Both properties have extensive gold soil anomalies and exhibit classic “intrusive-related” gold deposit characteristics. The planned exploration programs for both properties include mapping, soil geochemistry, airborne geophysics and trenching. The intent of the program is to further define targets for possible diamond drilling in the summer of 2004.

All shares, warrants and any shares issued upon exercise of the warrants with respect to the private placement and the finder’s fee are subject to a hold period and may not be traded for four months from closing of the private placement, except as permitted by the British Columbia *Securities Act*, the *Securities Rules* made thereunder, and the TSX Venture Exchange.

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