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Emgold Reports on Progress with Idaho-Maryland Surface Drill Program

Emgold Mining Corporation (EMR-TSX Venture) (“Emgold”) is pleased to report progress on Phase 2 of the 20,000 foot surface drilling program on the Idaho-Maryland Mine located in Grass Valley, California. Phase 2 follows the program initiated in 2003 to test the structural geologic model developed from over 100 years of historical information available from the Idaho-Maryland Mine and to further explore the new gold zone discovered during last year’s surface drilling program.

Eight holes totaling 5,800 feet have been completed to date in this year’s planned thirty hole program, which is probing the entire width of the Idaho Deformation Corridor (the “Corridor”) from four permitted sites within the City of Grass Valley. Multiple structures hosting high-grade gold-quartz vein mineralization project into the four previously untested target areas. The mineralized intervals of core are presently being sampled and fire assayed at certified analytical laboratories. All samples with gold assays greater than or equal to 0.10 oz/ton are check assayed by a second independent laboratory. Results will be announced upon receipt and evaluation of all assays and check assays. The Idaho-Maryland exploration program is planned and supervised by Mr. Mark Payne, California Registered Geologist Number 7067. Mr. Payne is the Chief Geologist for the Idaho-Maryland Project and "Qualified Person" for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101, "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects."

The Phase 2 drilling was initiated from Site B to test several prospective phyllonite zones within the Corridor, in the immediate vicinity of the Idaho No. 1 Shaft. The entire width of the Corridor, along an 800 foot strike length, is being targeted initially. The famous Idaho 1 Vein Oreshoot was the only structure historically explored and developed in this area of the mine, having produced one million ounces of gold from a single high-grade stope. The Idaho 1 Vein stope marks the southern boundary of the east-west trending deformation corridor, with an approximate 300 foot width of the Corridor currently being tested in the footwall of the Idaho 1 Vein stope. The westward projection of the Idaho 192 Vein is also being targeted within the drill program. The Idaho 192 Vein structure was stoped only in an area east of the Idaho No. 1 Shaft, having produced 75,000 ounces from a four- to eight foot width of high-grade ribboned vein quartz. The 192 Vein lies 40 to 60 feet into the footwall of the 1 Vein stope.

The surface drilling at Site B will be concluded shortly and the drill will be moved to Site A to further delineate the high-grade intercept in the Idaho 120 Vein structure from hole IDH001 in 2003. Several prospective mineralized structures were identified within the Corridor during the Phase I drill program last year. During the 2003 drilling program one newly discovered gold zone near the surface was 10.1 feet of 0.67 to 0.93 ounces per ton (opt) with 3 feet grading 2.20 opt. Locations and projections of the program’s surface diamond drill holes are illustrated on Emgold’s website.

For more information about Emgold, the Idaho-Maryland Project and Emgold's other properties (the Stewart and Rozan properties) and projects (the Ceramext™ process) please visit www.emgold.com or www.sedar.com.

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