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Emgold Options Jazz Property in Nelson Mining Division

Emgold Mining Corporation. (“Emgold”) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an option agreement (“Agreement”) to acquire a 100% interest in the Jazz Property consisting of twenty-four mineral claims (24 units) located at latitude 49°17’N and longitude 117°21’W in the Nelson Mining Division near Nelson, British Columbia (the “Property”).

The Property is contiguous to Emgold’s Stewart Property and covers approximately 600 hectares. A strong gold soil geochemical anomaly parallels the Jazz and Stewart property boundaries for over 1 kilometre in strike length. A coincident geophysical anomaly bisects the gold soil anomaly and will be one of the key target areas for follow-up exploration work consisting of trenching and diamond drilling during 2004.

Under the terms of the Agreement Emgold has agreed to make total cash payments of US\$215,000 to the Optionor over a ten-year period. Cash payments in the first year will total US\$20,000. In exchange for the above cash payments, Emgold will have the exclusive right and option to earn 100% interest in and to the Property, subject only to the payment to the Optionor of 3.0% net smelter returns (“NSR”) and the completion of CAD\$75,000 in exploration work on the Property within 2 years from the date of the Agreement. Emgold will have the right to purchase 2/3 of the NSR from the Optionor for US\$1,000,000 at any time up to and including the commencement of commercial production.

No common shares will be issued as bonuses, finder’s fees, commissions or otherwise in connection with this transaction.

For more information about Emgold and the Jazz Property please visit <http://www.emgold.com/> or <http://www.sedar.com/>.

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