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EMGOLD – APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR IDAHO-MARYLAND PERMIT DEEMED COMPLETE

Emgold Mining Corporation (EMR-TSX-V) (“Emgold”) is pleased to announce that it has received notification from the City of Grass Valley (“the City”) acting as the lead permitting agency, that the Company’s application package for a Conditional Mine Use Permit (“CMUP”), to further explore and develop the Idaho-Maryland Mine located in Grass Valley, California, has been reviewed and deemed complete as of May 24, 2005. The application documents provide for the re-opening and the staged exploration and development of the Emgold’s Idaho-Maryland Mine including the dewatering of the existing Idaho-Maryland Mine workings and the construction of a ramp for underground exploration and possible future mine development and production. When granted, this permit will allow Emgold to operate the mine through its expected economic life.

The application documents also include provisions for the Idaho-Maryland Mine to operate a Ceramext™ plant to produce ceramic building products, initially using the development rock from the decline. Sales of ceramic building products are projected to contribute significant revenue that could enhance the overall value of an integrated mining operation. The application contemplates the staged development of a gold mining and ceramics operation on a scale of up to 2,400 tons per day. The application package consists of approximately 1,100 pages of documentation, 42 drawings and includes the Annexation Application (05PLN-10), Prezone Application (05PLN-11), General Plan Amendment Application (05PLN-12), Use Permit Application (05PLN-13) and Development Review Application (05DRC-05). Emgold, through its subsidiary, Idaho-Maryland Mining Corp. is currently working with the City to move forward with the next stages of the permitting process including, but not limited to, the selection of an independent consultant to complete the Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”), identify opportunities for public participation in the permitting process, develop a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City and Nevada County and other permitting activities in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

Emgold has currently identified up to 26 additional exploration targets, each having the potential to host a sizeable gold deposit based on historical and current drill data from the Idaho-Maryland. It is important to note that these additional exploration targets may only be further defined by both surface and underground exploration drill programs. Underground access would be from the ramp currently planned as the first stage in development after the CMUP is obtained. The Company’s geologists are currently designing a Phase 3 surface drill program and an application to conduct the Phase 3 surface drill program for submission to the City. The Phase 3 program is presently expected to consist of up to 25,000 ft (7,620 m) of core drilling conducted from several sites located within the City.

The Company is also planning to mine and produce gold from shallow targets while executing a 425,000-ft (130,000 m) underground drill program to test the 26 additional exploration targets and 200 resource blocks that have currently been identified. Each of the 200 resource blocks is open for extension in at least one direction. Underground development and exploration can only be accomplished after successfully obtaining the CMUP. Our current estimate is that the permitting process may take between 14 and 24 months from the time of acceptance of the final applications. This is based on the experiences of previous mining operations located in California.

Historical data is being digitized giving Emgold more refined information about gold deposits missed and/or left behind during the previous mining operations when such modelling technology was not available.

Emgold, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Golden Bear Ceramics Company ("Golden Bear") is proceeding with a marketing study for various ceramic building materials such as floor and roofing tiles. The marketing study will also include a strategy for product development, distribution and sales of ceramic products from the Idaho-Maryland Mine. The Company anticipates completing the marketing study in the 4th quarter of 2005. The marketing study will be a key component of a feasibility study for the production of ceramic products from the Idaho-Maryland, expected to be completed in 2006.

Emgold is holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at 2:30 PDT at the Four Seasons Hotel (Vancouver) in the Strathcona Room. For more information about Emgold, the Stewart, Rozan and Jazz Properties in British Columbia, the Idaho-Maryland Project and the Ceramext™ Process, please visit www.emgold.com or www.sedar.com.

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