

EMGOLD MINING CORPORATION

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EMGOLD GRANTS OPTIONS

Emgold Mining Corporation (EMR-TSX Venture) (the “Company” or “Emgold”) has granted a total of 2,100,000 incentive stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, exercisable over a five-year period expiring May 12, 2013, at a price of \$0.20 per share. The stock options were issued in accordance with the Company’s 10% rolling stock option plan adopted by the Company’s shareholders on June 8, 2005.

For more information about Emgold, the Idaho-Maryland Gold Project in Grass Valley, the Stewart, Rozan and Jazz Properties in British Columbia, please visit www.emgold.com or www.sedar.com

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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