

EMGOLD MINING CORPORATION

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EMGOLD GRANTS OPTIONS

Emgold Mining Corporation (the "Company" or "Emgold") has granted a total of 560,000 incentive stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, exercisable over a five-year period expiring March 17, 2015, at a price of \$0.25 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. Continuance of the plan is approved by shareholders on an annual basis and the plan was last approved by shareholders on September 18, 2009.

Emgold is currently in the advanced stage of permitting for the Idaho-Maryland Gold Project in Grass Valley, CA. The Idaho-Maryland Mine operated from 1862 to 1956 and produced 2.4 million ounces of gold at an average grade of 0.43 ounces per ton. The Idaho-Maryland Project has a NI 43-101 compliant measured and indicated resource of 472,000 ounces of gold and an inferred resource of 1,002,000 ounces of gold.

Emgold recently acquired the Buckskin Rawhide Property in Nevada. Buckskin Rawhide is adjacent to the Rawhide Mine owned and operated by Kennecott Minerals Company.

Emgold recently completed a lease option and purchase agreement for its Rozan Property in British Columbia with Valterra Resource Corporation. The Company is currently seeking to option its Stewart Property, also located in British Columbia.

For more information about Emgold, the Idaho-Maryland Gold Project and the Buckskin Rawhide, Stewart, and Rozan Properties, please visit www.emgold.com.

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