

EMGOLD MINING CORPORATION

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EMGOLD WARRANTS EXERCISED

Emgold Mining Corporation ("Emgold") is pleased to announce that a total of 1,194,101 common share purchase warrants "warrants" of the Company have been exercised by warrant holders at CDN\$0.10 per share for total proceeds of CDN \$119,410. These warrants were exercised through an Early Conversion Option as part of a re-pricing and extension of warrants that was previously announced by the Company in July 18, 2012 and August 17, 2012 press releases.

David Watkinson, President and CEO of Emgold stated, "The re-pricing and extension of existing warrants was requested by certain warrant holders due to the existing poor market conditions in the junior mining sector. We were successful re-pricing and extending 11.8 million eligible warrants of the Company. Of these, about 10 percent of the eligible warrants were converted to shares under the Early Conversion Option." The proceeds from the early conversion will be used for general working capital.

About Emgold Mining Corporation

Emgold's main asset is the Idaho-Maryland Mine in California. The Idaho-Maryland Mine produced 2.4 million ounces of gold at an average recovered grade of 0.43 ounces per ton between 1862 and 1956. The Company's goals are to obtain required permits, dewater, and rehabilitate the historic underground workings, conduct underground exploration, and ultimately, if exploration is successful, construct a high grade underground gold operation capable of producing over 200,000 ounces of gold per year.

Emgold has several other exploration properties located in the western U.S. and Canada. These include the Buckskin Rawhide and Koegel Rawhide gold properties in Nevada where both high grade vein and bulk disseminated gold exploration targets have been identified. The Company also has the Stewart and Rozan poly-metallic properties in British Columbia where plans it to complete exploration activities, including diamond drilling, in 2012. Emgold is completing exploration on these properties with the goal of discovering and defining mineral resources.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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