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Emgold Mining Appoints New President and CEO

The Board of Directors of Emgold Mining Corporation is pleased to announce that Mr. William J. Witte, P. Eng has been appointed President and CEO of the Company effective immediately. Mr. Frank A. Lang, P. Eng, who was formerly President, has been elected as the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Witte will be responsible for the overall leadership of the Company and will include establishing short and long-term strategies and objectives for growth of the Company and arranging suitable financings to meet those objectives in order to enhance shareholder value.

Mr. Witte brings more than 26 years of mining, engineering, business, and entrepreneurial experience to Emgold. He holds degrees in both Civil (University of Nevada, Reno 1976) and Mechanical Engineering (University of Arizona 1978), and he is a registered Professional Engineer in the Province of British Columbia. His mining and engineering experience covers not only all aspects of mine exploration, process research and development, and operations, but also engineering, construction and corporate management. He has been responsible for various aspects of over 200 mining and technology projects around the world and the successful development of numerous profitable mining and business ventures. Mr. Witte has been Executive Vice President and Director of the Company since June 1999 and is a director of other public and private companies.

Emgold's primary focus will be the exploration and development of the Idaho-Maryland Gold Property located in Grass Valley, California. The project team in Grass Valley is currently being mobilized and an office will be reopened near the property. The Company will be initiating a scoping study by an internationally recognized consulting company to review the geologic information and assist the Company to develop its' plan to advance the property into a safe, efficient and profitable gold mine.

Frank A. Lang, P. Eng
Chairman

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