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## **Emgold Provides Corporate Update**

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**Emgold Mining Corporation** (EMR:TSX-V) ("Emgold") is pleased to provide the following corporate update on its operations.

Emgold filed its 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the United States on June 30, 2005, and will become effective on August 30, 2005. Emgold's 20-F is available on Edgar ([www.edgar.com](http://www.edgar.com)).

### **Idaho-Maryland Mine Project**

At the City Council meeting held on July 26, 2005, Grass Valley City Council voted unanimously to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Master Environmental Assessment (MEA)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Company's Idaho-Maryland Mine Project. This is a major step in the process leading toward the issuance of a Conditional Mine Use Permit for the project, and Emgold is very pleased at this indication of support from both Council and the general public in of the City of Grass Valley ("City"). At the same meeting, the Council also voted unanimously to engage mining consultant Raymond Krauss to act as liaison between Emgold and the City on technical mining issues and Pacific Municipal Consultants to provide coordination assistance to City staff on the project.

Staff at the Idaho-Maryland Mine have been reviewing and updating historical geological mapping of the property. This information will be used for computer modelling and future underground exploration and development in anticipation of receipt of a Conditional Mine Use Permit, expected to be received in approximately 18 to 24 months.

On June 10, 2005, Emgold signed a 12-month Exploration Drilling Lease to explore an area that provides favourable access to the shallow convergence of the "L" Fault/Dana-Mobile gold quartz veins, where they may merge with at least two other veins and the historical million ounce Idaho No. 1 Vein. Emgold's next phase of surface drilling may include the Dana area, as well as some geo-technical drilling in the South Idaho area. The South Idaho is expected to involve up to 5,000 feet of diamond core drilling and the Dana target could require 3,000 feet of diamond core drilling.

### **Appointments**

Effective July 1, 2005, Mr. Robert Pease was appointed Chief Geologist of the Idaho-Maryland Project. Mr. Pease has worked with Emgold for one year, previously serving as Senior Geologist, during which time he supervised geotechnical core drilling and ceramics sampling, conducted computer modeling, assisted with gold exploration, and initiated a ceramics geology program. Mr. Pease is a Registered Geologist in California with B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geology from the University of Nevada, Reno Nevada. He has over 25 years of diversified experience in mineral development and engineering geology in the mining and construction industries. Mr. Pease has an extensive background in Mother Lode, Sierra

Nevada, and Basin-Range geology applied to industrial minerals and gold, naturally occurring asbestos, surface and underground geologic mapping, drilling and sampling in difficult conditions, and engineering geology. He has also conducted market research analyses of industrial minerals.

Emgold is currently searching for a Vice President of Operations/Project Manager for the Idaho-Maryland Project.

### **Golden Bear Ceramics**

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, Golden Bear Ceramics Company, Emgold is evaluating the business opportunity for processing waste and naturally occurring materials from the Idaho-Maryland Mine to produce high quality ceramic building materials for commercial markets using the Ceramext™ Process. Emgold has selected CAVI International in partnership with Strategic Analysis Inc. to conduct a market study of various ceramics products in the North American and European markets such as floor and roofing tiles, siding, brick, construction materials and other industrial and commercial products. The objective of the market study, expected to be completed by Q4 of 2005, is to determine which of the marketable products is optimal for Golden Bear Ceramics to produce given its projected throughput.

A Lex Kiln to be used for research, development and for the demonstration of the Ceramext™ process and for testing other conventional tile production methods was installed at the Golden Bear Ceramics demonstration plant in Grass Valley, California. The kiln is planned to be commissioned in late August. The studies of and refinements to the manufacturing process are proceeding on schedule.

For more information about Emgold, the Idaho-Maryland Project and the Ceramext™ Process and the Stewart, Rozan and Jazz Properties in British Columbia, please visit [www.emgold.com](http://www.emgold.com).

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