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DUE TO INVESTOR INTEREST EMGOLD INCREASES AMOUNT OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

Emgold Mining Corporation (the "Company" or "Emgold") is pleased to announce that, due to increased investor interest, it has elected, subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval, to increase the amount of its previously announced non-brokered private placement financing from US \$750,000 to US \$1,250,000 by issuance of 5,000,000 Units at the price of US\$0.25 per Unit, each Unit consisting of one common share of the Company and one non-transferable share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase, for a period of 24 months, one additional common share of the Company at a price of US\$0.35. A finder's fee equal to 8% of the subscription proceeds may be paid for services rendered in introducing certain subscribers to the offering. The shares and Warrants issued in connection with this non-brokered private placement would be subject to a minimum hold period of four months.

On April 6, 2010, Emgold closed the first tranche of the private placement. A total of 1,600,000 Units were issued at the price of US\$0.25 per Unit to raise US\$400,000. The proceeds from the sale of the Units will be used for general working capital, including payment of accounts payable accrued during the recent restructuring of the Company.

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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On behalf of the Board of Directors

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This news release includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". Statements in this release, that relate to the proposed increase in the private placement and use of proceeds are forward-looking statements. There is no assurance that the private placement will be fully subscribed or that the amount raised will be sufficient to accomplish all of the intended purposes. Risks that could affect the outcome implied by the forward-looking statements include volatility in the Company's share price, changing investor interest, general economic and market conditions. For more information on the Company, Investors should review the Company's filings that are available at www.sedar.com or the Company's website at www.emgold.com