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EMGOLD CLOSES SHARES FOR DEBT FINANCING

Emgold Mining Corporation (the "Company" or "Emgold") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced shares for debt financing (see Emgold's March 4, 2010 press release). The settlement includes the issuance of 608,135 shares to two parties, at a deemed value of US\$0.25 per share, to settle US\$152,033.75 of the Company's outstanding accounts payables accrued during its restructuring in 2009. The shares are subject to a minimum hold period of four months.

Emgold management would like to thank those parties that participated in the shares for debt financing for their ongoing support of the Company.

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

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

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