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EMGOLD COMPLETES NON-BROKERED FLOW-THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

Emgold Mining Corporation (the "Company" or "Emgold") reports that it has completed a non-brokered private placement financing of 2,272,727 flow-through units (the "Units") at a price of CDN\$0.22 per Unit for gross proceeds of CDN\$500,000. Each Unit consists of one flow-through common share and one-half of one transferable non-flow-through share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "Warrant"), totaling 1,136,363 Warrants. Each Warrant will be exercisable for one additional non-flow-through common share in the capital of Emgold for a period of two years from the date of issue at a price of CDN\$0.30 per share. The proceeds will be used for exploration projects in British Columbia.

Emgold has paid a finder's fee of CDN\$35,000 in association with this offering. In addition, the Company has issued 159,090 warrants to a finder (the "Finder's Warrants"), which will entitle the finder to acquire that number of common shares of the Company at a price of CDN\$0.22 per share at any time (subject to the hold period noted below), and from time to time, on or before December 21, 2012.

All Units, shares, Warrants and any shares issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants and the Finder's Warrants will be subject to a hold period and may not be traded for four months plus one day from the today's date.

Information Regarding Emgold

Emgold is currently in the advanced stage of permitting the Idaho-Maryland Project, located in Grass Valley, CA. The Idaho-Maryland Mine was once the second largest underground gold mine in California and is reported to have produced 2.4 million ounces of gold at an average recovered grade of 0.43 ounce per ton. It is adjacent to the Empire Mine, Newmont Mining Corporation's first operating gold mine and historically California's largest underground gold mine. Empire mine is reported to have produced 5.8 million ounces of gold. The Grass Valley Mining District is reported to have produced over 17 million ounces of gold from 1850 to 1956. Both the Idaho-Maryland Mine and Empire Mine shut down in 1956 due to the fixed price of gold at US\$35 per ounce and rising labor and supply costs after WWII.

The Idaho-Maryland Project contains a NI 43-101 compliant measured and indicated resource of

472,000 ounces of gold at a grade of 0.28 ounces per ton and an inferred resource of 1,002,000 ounces of gold at a grade of 0.39 ounce per ton, estimated as at March 1, 2007 (See Emgold's NI 43-101 compliant Technical Report titled "Idaho-Maryland Mine Project" dated December 8, 2009 at www.emgold.com or, filed under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com).

Emgold also has a number of earlier stage exploration properties including the Buckskin Rawhide Property in Nevada, the Stewart Property in British Columbia, and the Rozan Property in British Columbia. The Rozan Property is currently optioned to Valterra Resource Corporation.

Information in this news release that is of a scientific or technical nature was prepared by Mr. Robert Pease, Professional Geologist (California), Chief Geologist of the Company and a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101.

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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