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EMGOLD CLOSES SECOND AND FINAL TRANCHE OF NON-FLOW-THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENT AND FIRST TRANCHE OF FLOW-THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Closing of Second and Final Tranche of Private Placement of Common Share Units

Emgold Mining Corporation (the "Company" or "Emgold") is pleased to announce that it has closed the second and final tranche of its previously announced non-brokered private placement (See Oct. 6, Nov. 2, and Nov. 21, 2011 press releases). In the second tranche, a total of 2,530,000 common share Units ("Units") were issued at the price of CDN\$0.10 per Unit to raise CDN\$253,000. The total amount raised from the two combined tranches was CDN\$1,415,000.

Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one non-transferable share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase, for a period of 24 months, one additional common share of the Company at a price of CDN\$0.15 per share.

Finder's Fees of CDN\$3,200 and 32,000 Finder's Warrants were awarded in relation to the second tranche of the financing. Each Finder's Warrant entitles the holder to purchase, for a period of 24 months, one common share of the Company at a price of CDN\$0.15. The Finder's Warrants, as well as the common shares and Warrants issued in connection with this private placement, are subject to a hold period of four months, expiring on April 23, 2012.

The proceeds from the sale of the Units will be used for exploration of the Buckskin Rawhide Project in Nevada, exploration of the Stewart Property in B.C, property acquisition in Nevada, and general working capital.

Closing of First Tranche of Private Placement of "Flow-Through" Common Share Units

Emgold is also pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of a separate non-brokered private placement of "flow-through" units ("FT Units). A total of 4,471,154 FT Units were issued at the price of CDN\$0.13 per FT Unit to raise CDN \$581,250.

Each FT Unit consists of one "flow-through" common share of the Company and one half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "FT Warrant"). Each FT Warrant entitles the holder to purchase, for a period of 18 months, one additional common share of the Company at a price of CDN \$0.20 per share.

Finder's Fees of CDN\$25,000 and 269,230 Finder's FT Warrants were awarded in relation to the financing. Each Finder's FT Warrant entitles the holder to purchase, for a period of 18 months, one additional common share of the Company at a price of CDN\$0.15. The Finder's FT Warrants, as well as the common shares and the FT Warrants issued in connection with this private placement, are subject to a hold period of four months, expiring on April 23, 2012. The proceeds from the Units will be used for exploration of Emgold's B.C. properties in 2012.

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. Emgold has a number of earlier stage exploration properties including the Buckskin Rawhide Property in Nevada, and the Stewart Property and the Rozan Property in British Columbia. The Rozan Property is currently optioned to Valterra Resource Corporation. For more information about Emgold, the Idaho-Maryland Gold Project and the Buckskin Rawhide, Stewart, and Rozan Properties, please visit www.emgold.com. Company filings are available at www.sedar.com.

The scientific or technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Robert Pease P.Geo., Chief Geologist of the Company, a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101.

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