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EMGOLD DOUBLES SIZE OF ITS KOEDEL RAWHIDE GOLD-SILVER PROPERTY, NEVADA

Emgold Mining Corporation (EMR-TSX Venture) (the "Company" or "Emgold") is pleased to announce that it has staked 17 additional unpatented mining claims and doubled the size of its recently acquired Koegel Rawhide Gold Property ("Property") in Nevada. The additional claims, totaling 340 acres, increase Emgold's total property holdings at Koegel Rawhide to 36 unpatented claims and 720 acres. The new claims cover prospective areas south and east of Emgold's existing Koegel Rawhide Property, as shown in the attached figure.

The Koegel Rawhide Property is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Fallon in the Rawhide Mining District and five miles southwest of the Rawhide Mine, which is operated by Rawhide Mining Company. The Rawhide Mine, formerly operated by Kennecott Minerals, is reported by Kennecott to have produced 1.47 million ounces of gold and 11.7 million ounces of silver from the years 1988 to 2005. The Property is situated six miles south of the Pilot Gold Corporation's Regent Property and four miles south of Emgold's Buckskin Rawhide Property.

The Koegel Rawhide Property, situated in the Koegel Hills, contains a volcanic-hosted epithermal gold-silver exploration target with geology similar to the nearby Rawhide Mine. Potential exists at for both high grade vein mineralization and low grade bulk disseminated mineralization. Note that the location of the Koegel Rawhide Property in the vicinity of Rawhide Mine and other nearby exploration properties does not mean that a resource will be identified on the Property. However, the presence of similar geology and mineralized structures to those located on the Buckskin Rawhide, Regent, and Rawhide properties and historic mine workings in the area are favorable indicators for the potential of discovery.

Nineteen of the 36 unpatented mining claims at Koegel Rawhide, totaling 380 acres, are currently under a lease and option to purchase agreement (the "Agreement") with Jeremy C. Wire, the registered owner. As per the Agreement, any new claims staked by Emgold that fall within a 0.5 mile radius of the claims listed in the Agreement will be subject to a 2 percent Net Smelter Royalty, should commercial production ever occur from the claims. Emgold retains the right to purchase this royalty for \$1 million, less any advance royalty payments made to Mr. Wire as part of the Agreement.

This acquisition increases the size of Emgold's strategically located gold-silver properties in Nevada. Emgold now controls 109 unpatented mining claims, totaling 2,180 acres, in Mineral County and in the vicinity of Rawhide Mine. These claims were either staked by the Company or are under lease and option to purchase agreements with Nevada Sunrise LLC or Jeremy C. Wire, as outlined in previous Emgold press releases.

David Watkinson, President and CEO of Emgold stated, “We are very excited about the potential of the Koegel Rawhide Property, especially given its vicinity to our Buckskin Rawhide Property, the Regent Property, and the Rawhide Mine. These additional claims help consolidate our land position in the area and provide increased opportunity for discovery.”

Background on Koegel Rawhide Property

The Koegel Rawhide Property is a volcanic-hosted, structurally controlled, epithermal gold-silver prospect in the Walker Lane gold belt of western Nevada. The Walker Lane is a regional shear zone and known gold trend that hosts large and small historic and currently operating gold-silver mines, including mines of the Comstock Lode, Tonopah District and Rawhide District. Koegel Rawhide geology and mineralization are associated with lithologic units and structures of the Rawhide volcanic center, as well as structures from the Walker Lane and Basin and Range.

Geologic mapping by Charles P. Watson, a consulting geologist, in the years 1991-1992, indicates the area is covered mostly by Tertiary (Pliocene) age intermediate volcanic rocks including andesitic tuff breccias, sills and dikes. The volcanic units have been folded into minor anticlines and faulted. Faults of several orientations occur on the Property with north, northwest and northeast trends. Hydrothermal alteration (clay and silica) is present and is associated with structures and mineralization.

Gold and silver mineralization is present at Koegel Rawhide based on historic randomly spaced surface sampling. A total of 464 samples were taken in geologically derived locations by consulting geologist Charles P. Watson in the years 1991-1992. The results of the historic grab samples ranged from non-detectable to 2 ounces per ton gold, and from non-detectable to 11 ounces per ton silver. The methods and quality control from the historic sampling are unknown and cannot be verified under NI 43-101, but the results are considered reliable for exploration purposes.

Emgold plans initially to complete surface rock and soil geochemical sampling programs on the Property with the goal of ultimately developing drill targets. Historic sampling on the property will be analyzed as an initial guide for exploration. Funds are in place for this work.

Mr. Robert Pease, Chief Geologist of the Company and a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information in this press release.

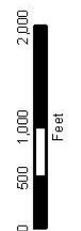
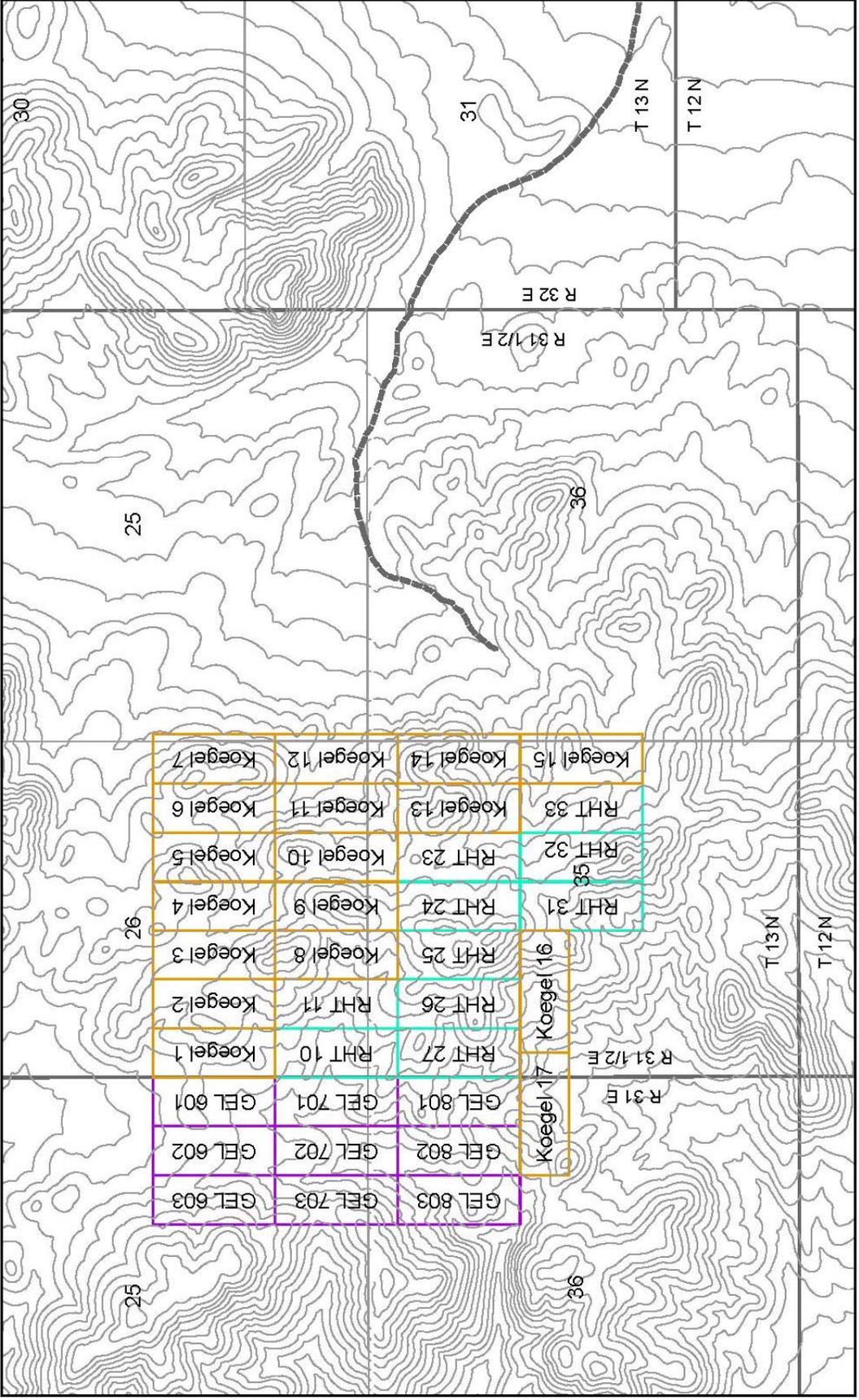
Information Regarding Emgold

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, the Stewart Property and the Rozan Property in British Columbia. 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.

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Emgold Mining Corporation
Koegel Claims

GEL 601	GEL 701	GEL 801	Koegel 17	RHT 27	RHT 25	RHT 24	Koegel 9	Koegel 10	RHT 23	RHT 32	RHT 31	Koegel 16	Koegel 15
GEL 602	GEL 702	GEL 802	RHT 10	RHT 26	RHT 25	RHT 24	Koegel 8	Koegel 11	RHT 23	RHT 32	RHT 31	Koegel 16	Koegel 14
GEL 603	GEL 703	GEL 803	Koegel 1	RHT 11	RHT 26	RHT 24	Koegel 3	Koegel 2	RHT 23	RHT 32	RHT 31	Koegel 16	Koegel 13
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