



MIDWAY GOLD CORP.

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Midway Gold Begins Drill Program at Pan Gold Project, Nevada

Denver, Colorado – Midway Gold Corp. is pleased to report the start of renewed drilling at its Pan Project in White Pine County, Nevada. Drill plans include 6,500 meters of reverse circulation (RC) drilling and 600 meters of diamond core drilling. This 2011 expansion drilling will follow up on Midway's 2010 drilling that identified higher gold grades and a possible new gold zone. (See *press release dated November 8, 2010.*) The deposit is still open to the North, the South and at depth. Mineralization between the proposed North and South Pan open pits will also be tested for possible continuity with the proposed open pits.

Midway is advancing the Pan Project toward possible production by as early as 2013. Engineering and permitting activities are underway to support a Prefeasibility Study planned for completion during the first quarter of 2011. A portion of the 2011 drilling will test for undiscovered mineralization beneath proposed mine facilities.

A 2010 Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") of the Pan Project reported a Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource of 38.8 million metric tonnes containing 682,000 ounces of gold with a grade of 0.55 grams per tonne ("gpt"), at a 0.14 gpt gold cutoff grade. (See *the NI 43-101 Technical Report filed on SEDAR July 20, 2010 for further details.*) The PEA reported that the Net Present Value of Pan, at a 5% discount rate and a gold price of \$1,200 per ounce, is \$109 million and that the pre-tax Internal Rate of Return is 41%.

Midway Director Alan Branham has decided to pursue other career opportunities and has resigned from the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Branham will remain a consultant to the Company. Midway sincerely thanks Mr. Branham for his vision, accomplishments and service in developing an exemplary portfolio of projects during his tenure with Midway, and we wish him success in his future endeavors.

This release has been reviewed and approved by Richard D. Moritz, (B.Sc., MBA), Vice President of Project Development, and a "Qualified Person" as that term is defined in National Instrument 43-101.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"Ken Brunk"

Ken Brunk, Director, President and COO

About Midway Gold Corp.

Midway Gold Corp. is a precious metals company with a vision to design, build, and operate mines in a manner accountable to all stakeholders while producing an acceptable return to

its shareholders. Midway controls over 65 square miles of mineral rights in the western United States; four advanced projects include: Spring Valley, Pan, Golden Eagle, and Midway. Two early stage exploration targets are Gold Rock and Burnt Canyon. For more information about Midway, please visit our website at www.midwaygold.com or contact R.J. Smith, Manager of Corporate Administration, at (877) 475-3642 (toll-free).

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