



Midway Receives Expanded Permit at Pan Gold Project, Nevada

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Denver, Colorado – Midway Gold Corp. ("Midway" or the "Company") (MDW:TSX-V; MDW:NYSE-AMEX) announces it has received regulatory approval of an expanded drilling permit at its Pan Project, White Pine County, Nevada. This approved permit increases the area available for drill roads and drill pads and also includes a new access route to the project that protects areas of potential Sage Grouse habitat. A recent Environmental Assessment report completed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concluded that the permitted activities will not have a significant environmental impact.

This expanded permit will allow additional exploration drilling around the margins of the South Pan deposit where recent step-out drilling encountered 30 meters of 3.15 grams per tonne (gpt) gold (June 13, 2011 press release). It will also enable the company to continue expedited condemnation drilling around proposed mine facilities and to obtain geotechnical, hydrologic, metallurgical, and geochemical data. Drilling is also scheduled at North Pan this year where the current gold resource appears open in all directions.

The Company's engineering team is in the process of completing a mine plan and a Feasibility Study for the Pan Project. The environmental team is working to complete a plan of operations for the proposed mine that will be submitted to the BLM for evaluation and development of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Pan Project in White Pine County, Nevada is a bulk tonnage, Carlin-style, sediment-hosted gold deposit. Midway announced a Prefeasibility Study in April 2011 based on a 43-101 compliant Measured and Indicated resource of 849,000 ounces at a grade of 0.55 gpt gold contained in 47.0 million tonnes. Proven and Probable reserves within a proposed open pit are 717,000 ounces at a grade of 0.58 gpt gold contained in 37.7 million tonnes. At a base case of \$1050/oz gold price, the Pan Project has an NPV of \$91 million and a 33% Internal Rate of Return. A Feasibility Study is currently in progress.

This news release has been reviewed and approved by William S. Neal (M.Sc. and CPG), Vice President of Geological Services, and a "qualified person" as that term is defined in National Instrument 43-101.

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About Midway Gold Corp.

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