



MIDWAY GOLD

Midway Gold Announces Year End 2012 Financial Results

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Denver, Colorado – Midway Gold Corp. (“Midway” or the “Company”) announces financial results for the year ended December 31, 2012. These results were filed today with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) in the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-K, and with the relevant security regulators in Canada.

Current Highlights

- Strong cash position – \$70 (US\$) million private placement financing in December 2012
- Pan permitting is on track with the Draft EIS in progress and completion expected near-term.
- Detailed engineering and post-feasibility mine optimization are underway in anticipation of Pan Project construction this year
- Initial Pan production is scheduled for mid-2014

Financial Results

All references to “\$” in this release mean the Canadian dollar. The financial information is presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

A comparison of our balance sheets at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,052,836	\$ 10,191,069	(1)
Mineral properties	49,922,926	49,563,134	
Other assets	9,054,841	2,817,749	
Total assets	<u>\$ 134,030,603</u>	<u>\$ 62,571,952</u>	
Liabilities	\$ 33,379,702	\$ 5,291,319	(2)
Redeemable preferred stock	44,261,122	-	(3)
Shareholders’ equity	56,389,779	57,280,633	
Total liabilities and shareholders’ equity	<u>\$ 134,030,603</u>	<u>\$ 62,571,952</u>	

Notes:

- (1) The net increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$64.9 million is primarily due to cash provided by financing activities of \$84.3 million during the 12 months ended December 31, 2012.

- (2) The net increase in liabilities is primarily due to the recording of a derivative liability of \$27.3 million related to the redeemable Series A Preferred Stock issued as part of a private offering closed on December 13, 2012.
- (3) The Redeemable preferred stock balance of \$44.3 million as of December 31, 2012 is related to the issuance of US\$70.0 million worth of Series A Preferred Stock, the bifurcated embedded derivative liability noted above comprises the remainder of the associated balance.

A comparison of the results of operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

	---- Twelve Months Ended December 31, ----	
	2012	2011
Net loss	\$ (15,274,622)	\$ (15,527,179)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	(15,706,856)	(15,527,179)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.15)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	121,056,319	106,992,452
Net cash used in operating activities	(11,650,261)	(14,045,550)
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,921,806)	(1,665,648)
Net cash provided by financing activities	84,323,143	19,839,451
Effect of exchange rates on changes in cash	110,691	

Results from Operations

The consolidated net loss for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012 was \$15,274,622 or \$0.13 per share, a decrease of 2% from \$15,527,179 or \$0.15 per share for the same period in 2011. The change is primarily due to a decrease in mineral exploration expenditures of \$3.8 million offset by changes in other income and income tax recovery. Other income (expenses) for the year ended December 31, 2012 was an expense of \$1,382,963 compared to an income of \$485,725 during the comparable period of 2011. Income tax recovery for the year ended December 31, 2012 decreased by \$1,760,374, or 68%, from the same period of 2011.

To review Midway Gold's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, including our Management Discussion and Analysis, visit any of the following websites: www.sedar.com, www.sec.gov or www.midwaygold.com.

The "Recent Highlights" section of this release has also been reviewed and approved by Mr. William S. Neal (M.Sc. and CPG), Midway's Vice President of Geological Services and a "qualified person" as that term is defined in NI 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"Kenneth A. Brunk"

Kenneth A. Brunk, Chairman, President and CEO

About Midway Gold Corp.

Midway Gold Corp. is a precious metals company with a vision to explore, design, build and operate gold mines in a manner accountable to all stakeholders while assuring return on shareholder investments. For more information about Midway, please visit our website at www.midwaygold.com or contact Jaime Wells, Investor Relations Analyst, at (877) 475-3642 (toll-free).

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