

NEVADA SUNRISE GOLD CORPORATION

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NEVADA SUNRISE GOLD CORP. ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF DRILLING AT KINSLEY MOUNTAIN

Nevada Sunrise Gold Corporation (TSX-V: NEV) (“Nevada Sunrise”) has been informed by Pilot Gold Inc. (TSX: PLG) (“Pilot Gold”) that in December 2011 Pilot Gold completed an initial six-hole diamond drilling program at the Kinsley Mountain Project (“Kinsley Mountain” or the “Project”) located in southeast Elko County, Nevada. Drill core has been sampled and assay results are still being received, compiled and interpreted by Pilot Gold. Nevada Sunrise will update its shareholders on the final results of the program upon receipt of final results from Pilot Gold. Nevada Sunrise plans to conduct a site visit to Kinsley Mountain as soon as is practicable to examine the drill core from the 2011 drilling program.

Pilot Gold also advised Nevada Sunrise that it has significantly expanded the size of the Project by staking additional claims to the northeast within the 5 kilometre area of interest prescribed by the Kinsley Mountain mining option agreement.

The 2011 drilling program was “first pass” exploration at Kinsley Mountain and a 2012 program is in the process of being determined, pending results.

In September 2011, Pilot Gold purchased the Kinsley Mountain mining option agreement from Animas Resources Ltd. (TSX-V: ANI) in order to earn into the Kinsley Mountain mining lease owned by Nevada Sunrise. Pursuant to the terms of the Kinsley Mountain option agreement, Pilot Gold will have the exclusive right to earn:

1. A 51-per-cent undivided interest by incurring US\$1.18 million in exploration expenditures by March 30, 2013 (of which US\$180,000 must be spent by May 31, 2012);
2. An additional undivided 14-per-cent interest by electing to incur a further US\$3.0 million in exploration expenditures within five years of meeting the initial earn-in.

Pilot Gold is also required to make advance minimum royalty payments to Nevada Sunrise LLC (“NSL”), a private Nevada-based company, in accordance with an underlying lease agreement, beginning with payments of US\$50,000 per year through 2016, increasing to US\$200,000 per year in 2020 and beyond. An initial contract payment of US\$25,000 was paid to NSL in 2011 and an additional US\$25,000 payment is due in June 2012. A maximum 5 percent net smelter royalty is also payable to NSL which may be reduced to 2 percent through a series of payments at the discretion of Pilot Gold.

About Kinsley Mountain

Kinsley Mountain lies approximately 45 miles (75 kilometres) southeast of the Long Canyon property where Pilot Gold's geologic team, as part of Fronteer Gold Inc. (acquired by Newmont Mining Corporation for US\$2.3 billion in April 2011), defined a significant gold resource in what is becoming recognized as an emerging gold district. The stratigraphic intervals hosting mineralization at Kinsley Mountain are interpreted by Pilot Gold to be the same horizons that host mineralization at Long Canyon.

Gold mineralization was discovered at Kinsley Mountain in 1984. Between 1994 and 1999, Alta Gold Co. produced approximately 138,000 ounces of gold at 1.4 grams/tonne gold in a heap leach operation at Kinsley Mountain. Prior to Pilot Gold's 2011 drilling program, no exploration work has been carried out at the Project since 2004.

About Nevada Sunrise

For the latest details on the Company, its properties, management team and philosophy, please visit our website at www.nevadasunrise.com.

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