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# Spanish Mountain Gold Announces Discovery of New Gold Zone

**Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.** ("the Company") (SPA-TSXV) is pleased to announce that assay results from the northern Cedar Creek area indicate the presence of a new zone of gold mineralization. This zone, the Phoenix Zone, is currently defined over a strike extent of at least 1,000 metres (m) and is located in an area that is approximately two kilometres west of the Main Zone within the Company's Spanish Mountain Gold Project (the "Project").

## **Highlights**

- 92.46 m grading 0.58 gram per tonne (g/t) gold including 7.50m grading 4.12 g/t gold in Hole 11-CCR-030.
- 55.40 m grading 0.82 g/t gold and a second interval of 47.50 m grading 0.35 g/t gold in Hole 11-CCR-023.
- 56.71 m grading 0.50 g/t gold in Hole 11-CCR-021.
- 15.75 m grading 0.48 g/t gold at bottom of hole in Hole 11-CCR-003.

The Project's Preliminary Economic Assessment completed by the Company in 2010 indicated an economic cut-off grade at 0.2 g/t gold. A table of significant assays for the Phoenix Zone (Table 1) and a map showing the location of drill holes (Figure 1) are appended to this release.

### **Discussion of Results**

The assay results from the holes reported above define a northwesterly trending zone of gold mineralization. This new zone is located along the northeastern boundary of the area proposed by the Company for tailings storage from potential mining of the Project's Main and North Zones. The discovery of the Phoenix Zone will not require relocation of the proposed tailings facility but may entail re-scheduling of the proposed development of the tailings facility.

Brian Groves, President and CEO stated: "The discovery of the Phoenix Zone in the Cedar Creek area is a very positive development for the Spanish Mountain Gold Project. Drilling in this area was initiated to investigate the source of gold in the overburden which contained gold up to 7 g/t in soil samples. The overburden was not assayed in the recent drill program. Further drilling will be required to fully evaluate the gold potential of the zone and the attendant implications for the overall economics of the Project. At this early stage, the nature of the mineralization in the Phoenix Zone appears to be similar to that of the mineralization within the North Zone. The Company will now begin the planning for further drilling and metallurgical testing to be completed in 2012."

### **Future Plans**

The Company will now focus on the planning for additional drilling within the Phoenix Zone to establish the extent and tenor of gold mineralization. This drilling will commence in early 2012 upon the completion of the in-fill drilling program in the Main and North Zones as previously outlined in the news release issued by the Company on November 15, 2011.

The drilling within the Phoenix Zone will not affect the timing of the ongoing Prefeasibility Study for the Project, which is scheduled for completion at the end of the first quarter in 2012. The drilling will need to be completed so that it can be incorporated in the Feasibility Study being initiated in 2012.

All core samples were fire assayed at ALS Chemex Laboratory in Vancouver, BC.

Judy Stoeterau, P.Geo, the Company's Vice President, Geology, is a qualified person (as defined under NI 43-101) and has reviewed the contents of this news release.

#### **About Spanish Mountain Gold**

Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd is focused on the responsible development of its flagship Spanish Mountain gold project in southern central British Columbia, Canada. The Company has more than \$18 million in working capital, has no debt and owns 100% of four gold properties located in British Columbia. Additional information about the Company is available on its website: www.spanishmountaingold.com

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Table 1: Significant Assay Results—Phoenix Zone

Hole	From	То	Length (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)
11-CCR-003	0.00	74.68	74.68	overburden	
11-CCR-003	86.97	102.72	15.75	0.48	0.33
including	88.50	93.00	4.50	0.91	0.39
11-CCR-021	0.00	75.29	75.29	overburden	
11-CCR-021	75.29	132.00	56.71	0.50	0.92
including	103.00	105.80	2.80	3.06	2.70
11-CCR-023	0.00	48.77	48.77	overburden	
11-CCR-023	74.00	121.50	47.50	0.35	4.25
including	86.50	88.00	1.50	2.61	4.10
and	112.00	113.50	1.50	0.44	90.90
and	118.00	120.00	2.00	1.06	3.90
11-CCR-023	145.00	170.00	25.00	0.34	1.93
11-CCR-023	198.50	253.90	55.40	0.82	1.20
including	202.25	204.00	1.75	3.18	1.30
and	219.00	220.50	1.50	1.46	0.80
and	243.00	244.50	1.50	14.65	2.00
and	244.50	246.00	1.50	1.45	5.60
and	251.50	252.50	1.00	1.54	0.70
11-CCR-030	0.00	85.04	85.04	overburden	
11-CCR-030	85.04	177.50	92.46	0.58	1.01
including	145.50	153.00	7.50	4.12	6.52
and	150.00	151.50	1.50	12.15	23.80

Figure 1: Drill Hole Location—Northern Cedar Creek Area

