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PMI Secures Grant of Mining Leases for Obotan Gold Project

Obotan continues to move towards development as key milestones are achieved

PMI Gold Corporation ("PMI") is pleased to announce that the Mining Leases covering its flagship 100%-owned **Obotan Gold Project** in south-west Ghana have been formally granted by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. This marks another key milestone towards development of a substantial new gold mining operation in West Africa.

The formal grant of the three Mining Leases (renewable under the terms of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006) follows the favorable recommendation by the Minerals Commission of Ghana in September.

The Mining Leases cover a total area of 93.24 sq km, encompassing the four key deposits at Obotan, the main Nkran deposit and the smaller satellite deposits, Abore, Adubiaso and Asuadai.

In conjunction with the formal issue of the Mining Leases, PMI has also received a key water discharge permit for the Obotan operation which will allow PMI to commence its dewatering operations of the Nkran and Adubiaso pits.

In August, PMI announced the completion of a positive NI 43-101 compliant Feasibility Study confirming a financially and technically robust mining operation at Obotan with forecast production of 221,500oz pa over its first five years (*see PMI News Release – 28 August 2012*). The Study forecast total production of 2.26 million recovered ounces over an 11.5-year mine life.

The Company has also recently announced a C\$115 million equity financing, less costs, to fund the development of the Obotan Project. Discussions with debt providers are well advanced and an appropriate debt funding package is expected to be finalized within the coming weeks.

PMI Gold's Managing Director and CEO, Collin Ellison, said:

"The grant of the Mining Leases for Obotan is another important milestone for the Company as we continue to move inexorably towards development and production."

Collin Ellison On behalf of the Board, Managing Director & CEO

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NI 43-101

PMI filed a NI 43-101 compliant technical report on the Obotan Project outlining the Mineral Resources and Reserves Estimate and the result of the Feasibility Study on September 17, 2012. The report is available on SEDAR (<u>www.sedar.com</u>). The NI43-101 technical report was prepared by GR Engineering Services Limited, and co-authored by P. Gleeson, B.Sc. (Hons), M.Sc, MAIGS, MGSA, J. Price, FAusIMM(CP), FGS, MIE(Aust.), R Cheyne, BEng. (Mining), FAusIMM, CEng (IEI), and G. Neeling, BAppSc. (Multidisciplinary) FAusIMM, each of whom is independent for the purposes of NI 43-101. Mr Collin Ellison, President & CEO, BSc Mining, MIMMM, C.Eng, a "qualified person" within the definition of that term in NI43-101, has supervised the preparation of the technical information regarding the Company's mineral projects which is not covered by the filed NI43-101 technical reports on the Obotan Project.

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