



PLATO GOLD CORP

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## **Plato Gold Corp. Announces Proposed Private Placement**

**Toronto, January 20, 2011** – Plato Gold Corp. (TSX-V: PGC) (“Plato” or the “Company”), an exploration company with a portfolio of properties in significant gold mining camps in Northern Ontario, Northern Québec, and Santa Cruz, Argentina proposes to complete a private placement (the “Private Placement”) for aggregate gross proceeds of \$250,000, consisting of 5,000,000 units of the Company (the “Units”) at a price of \$0.05 per Unit. Each Unit shall be comprised of one common share in the capital of the Company (a “Common Share”) and one Common Share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”). Each Warrant shall entitle its holder to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.10 per share for a period of 12 months from the date of closing.

Anthony Cohen, the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, who currently holds, directly and indirectly, 20,141,385 of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of Plato, is expected to subscribe for 4,000,000 Units. It is also expected that immediately prior to the closing of the Private Placement, Mr. Cohen will sell 4,000,000 Common Shares through the facilities of the TSX Venture Exchange to purchasers arranged by Canaccord.

Mr. Cohen is a related party within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Shareholders in Special Transactions* (“MI 61-101”). Consequently, the participation of Mr. Cohen in the Private Placement constitutes a Related Party Transaction within the meaning of MI 61-101 requiring the Company, in the absence of exemptions, to obtain a formal valuation for, and minority shareholder approval of, the Related Party Transaction. The Company has determined that an exemption will be available from the formal valuation requirements under MI 61-101. The Company has also determined that an exemption is also available from the minority shareholder approval requirements. Mr. Cohen directly and indirectly holds 20,141,385 Common Shares and directly holds 1,285,000 options to purchase Common Shares and 7,438,790 Common Share purchase Warrants. By virtue of the Private Placement and sale transaction, Mr. Cohen will acquire an additional 4,000,000 Common Share purchase warrants. Consequently, the subscription by Mr. Cohen will not constitute a material change to the percentage of Common Shares that he holds.

Canaccord Genuity Corp. (“Canaccord”) has provided consulting and advisory services to the Company. Canaccord will be paid a consulting fee of \$7,500 plus applicable taxes and will be issued warrants to acquire 250,000 common shares of the Company for a period of 12 months from the date of closing of the Private Placement at an exercise price of \$0.10 per share.

The Company will use the proceeds from the Private Placement for work on its Lolita Property in Argentina and for general corporate purposes.

Completion of the Private Placement and the sale of Common Shares by Mr. Cohen remains subject to regulatory approval, including approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. All of the securities issued pursuant to the Private Placement will be subject to resale restrictions for a period of four months and one day following the closing of the Private Placement.

### **About Plato Gold Corp.**

Plato Gold Corp. is a Canadian junior gold exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange with exploration projects in Northern Ontario, Northern Québec and the Lolita Property in the province of Santa Cruz, Argentina.

The Northern Ontario project includes 5 properties: Guibord, Harker, Harker-Garrison, Holloway and Marriott in the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins, Ontario.

The Northern Québec project includes 7 properties: Nordeau Bateman, Vauquelin, Vauquelin Pershing, Vauquelin Horseshoe, Pershing Denain, Hop O'My Thumb and Vauquelin II. All 7 properties are located near Val d'Or, Québec.

Plato is in the advanced exploration stage on the Nordeau West site with a NI 43-101 compliant gold resource reported on March 12, 2009. Highlights of the Nordeau West mineral resource update include:

indicated resources of 30,212 oz Au on average grade of 4.17 g/t and 225,342 tonnes; and inferred resources of 146,315 oz Au on average grade of 4.09 g/t and 1,112,321 tonnes.

In Argentina, the Lolita Property is comprised of 3 contiguous concessions and initial work has been started on this property. For additional company information, please visit: [www.platogold.com](http://www.platogold.com).

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### ***Forward Looking Statements***

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