



For Immediate Release

Plato Gold Sells 80% interest in Harker Properties and enters Joint Venture Agreement with Northern Gold Mining Inc.

Toronto, February 1, 2013 – 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 is pleased to announce that it has sold 80% interest in its Harker Properties to **Northern Gold Mining Inc. (TSX-V: NGM)** and entered into a joint venture agreement with Northern Gold in exchange for:

- CDN\$200,000 payable to Plato; and
- 250,000 common shares of Northern Gold issuable to Plato.

Following completion of the transaction, Plato will retain a 20% participating interest in the Harker Properties. If at any time, either party’s interest is reduced to 10% or less, such interest shall be surrendered and the forfeiting party shall be granted a one percent (1%) NSR from production on the Harker Properties. The non-forfeiting party shall have the right and option to purchase the entire 1% NSR for \$1,000,000.

Upon completion Plato will hold 425,000 shares of Northern Gold Mining Inc.

The transaction is subject to receipt of all approvals required by the parties, including that of the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**TSXV**”).

About Plato Gold Corp.

Plato is a Canadian 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 4 properties: Guibord, Harker, Holloway and Marriott in the Harker/Holloway gold camp located east of Timmins, Ontario. In November 2010, Plato signed an agreement granting St Andrew Goldfields Ltd. the option to earn a 75% interest in the above properties. Currently three properties Guibord, Holloway and Marriott remain in good

standing. In July 2012, Plato sold 50% interest in the Guibord property to Victory Gold Mines Inc.

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. In November 2010, Plato signed an agreement granting Threegold Resources Inc. the option to earn a 75% interest in two of the above properties.

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:

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

In Argentina, Plato holds 75% of interest in the Lolita Property comprised of a number of contiguous mineral rights totaling 27,857 hectares. Work is advancing on this property with a drill program anticipated for 2013 subject to available financing.

For additional company information, please visit: www.platogold.com.

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