



Solomon Gold plc

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Announcement to London Stock Exchange

Issue of Equity

Solomon Gold plc (“Solomon Gold” or the “Company”) has issued a total of 715,681 ordinary shares of 1 penny each in the capital of the Company (the “Shares”) to its Chief Operating Officer, as a result of the exercise of options.

An application for the shares’ admission to AIM has been made, and the shares are expected to be admitted to trading on or around 20 July 2011.

The Company also notes the expiry of 584,319 employee options issued in April 2010.

The Company now has 284,623,489 fully paid ordinary shares and 11,264,000 options (exercisable at 50p) on issue.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Solomon Gold Plc’s original and core gold exploration projects are located on the Solomon Islands and are the major focus of the Company. The discovery in September 2010 of extensive and rich gold mineralisation on Fauro Island, just south east of Bougainville Island in neighbouring Papua New Guinea, presents Solomon Gold with potential for a world class gold and copper-gold-molybdenum discovery on the south west Pacific Rim of Fire. The region is one of the world’s most strongly endowed gold and copper provinces, hosting Grasberg, Lihir, Panguna and Ok Tedi, each with in excess of 40Moz gold equivalent metal endowment.



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The Company also holds a comprehensive and extensive tenement position on the main island of Guadalcanal where its JV partner, NVL Solomon Islands Limited (a subsidiary of NYSE-listed Newmont Mining Corporation) can earn a 51% interest in the project by expending US\$6million by 4 March 2012, and may elect to expend a further US\$6million (total US\$12million) to earn a further 19% to a total 70% by 4 March 2014. The GJV has outlined high priority gold-copper porphyry targets at Chikora, Mbetilonga, and Kuma.

Solomon Gold has also extended its strategy to include becoming an integrated gold explorer, developer and miner with projects in lower risk theatres as well as the Solomon Islands.

Solomon Gold's projects in Queensland include Rannes, Mt Perry and Normanby. At Rannes, the Company has outlined a 30km long prospective zone in a 200km long trend on the eastern edge of Queensland's Bowen Basin in the same geological setting as Newcrest's 100,000 ounce per year Cracow Gold Mine. This extensive exploration licence position hosts three mineralised projects at Cooper, Rannes Central and Police Camp. The exploration area is believed to host mineral systems which are geologically similar to the Carlin trend in Nevada USA. At Rannes Central, the Company has encountered potentially economic mineralisation in five different prospects targeted to yield at least 2 Moz. The Total Solomon Gold Inferred Mineral Resource estimate following the continued work at its Central Rannes Projects, Crunchie and Kauffmans-Homestead Prospect is 14.81Mt at 1.14g/t gold equivalent for 543,858oz of contained equivalent gold (273,199oz gold and 10.67Moz silver), based on a gold to silver ratio of 1 : 40 and a 0.35g/t gold equivalent cut-off grade.

At Mt Perry, the Company is investigating an area of approximately 1,500km² hosting over 50 historic mines and workings near Newcrest's Mt Rawdon Gold Mine. Mt Perry has yielded potentially economic drill intersections on nine of the ten prospects tested to date.

Solomon Gold's Board includes accomplished professionals with strong track records in the areas of exploration, mine development in Australia and Melanesia, investment, finance and law. Board and Management have significantly vested interests in the Company holding approximately 17.5% of its issued share capital.

Solomon Gold is based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The Company listed on London's Alternative Investment Market in 2006, under the AIM Code 'SOLG' and currently has 283,907,808 shares on issue. Further details concerning the Company's key projects and personnel can be found at www.solomongold.com