

MACMILLAN GOLD CORP.

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MACMILLAN GOLD CLOSES \$540,000 PRIVATE PLACEMENT

December 23, 2004 – George A. Brown, President of MacMillan Gold Corp. (“MMG” on TSX Venture) is pleased to announce that the company has raised \$540,000 by way of a private placement with terms as announced in our November 12, 2004 news release. The financing consists of 1,080,000 shares at a price of \$0.50 with a full warrant exercisable at \$0.75 in the first twelve months or \$1.00 in the second twelve months after close. The placement is with fourteen investors including two insiders. Mr. George A. Brown, President, CEO and Director of MacMillan and Mr. Geoff Burns, President and CEO of Pan American Silver and a Director of MacMillan each subscribed for 100,000 shares and warrants for \$50,000 representing 18.5% of the total issue. The Company has filed for final approval with the TSX Venture. Upon closing the Company will issue 1,080,000 shares and 1,080,000 warrants. This will increase the issued and outstanding to 33,495,626 shares before exercise of warrants. The shares and warrants will be subject to a four month hold period from date of close.

Proceeds from this private placement will be used to meet ongoing corporate working capital needs including funding for our drilling program at the Cerro de Oro Gold and Silver Project in Zacatacas, Mexico. MacMillan Gold has completed 4 diamond drill holes in December in the Maderito Target at Cerro de Oro. Samples are now at BSI Inspectorate Laboratories of Sparks, Nevada for assay. Results are expected in January. Drilling by Major Drilling de Mexico S.A. de C.V. is currently suspended for the holiday period and is scheduled to resume in early January.

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