

# MACMILLAN GOLD CORP.

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## MacMillan Gold Corporate Update

**TORONTO, CANADA – April 12, 2006** – George A. Brown, President & CEO of MacMillan Gold Corp. (TSX-V “MMG”) is pleased to announce that MacMillan received strong shareholder approval at the March 31, 2006 Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders for all items on the proxy.

George A. Brown, Ross D. Lawrence, Greg Van Staveren and Wayne W. Valliant were unanimously re-elected to the board of directors. McGovern, Hurley, Cunningham, LLP, Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed as the Company auditors. Shareholder permission was obtained for private placements of up to 100% of the currently issued and outstanding shares for the upcoming year. The Company is currently funded for all budgeted 2006 corporate and exploration plans. The Company expects most of our 2007 required funding to be provided by the exercise of up to 10,000,000 warrants exercisable at \$0.35 until February 2007. Shareholders approved by a margin of over 90% of disinterested shares (non-insiders) an additional 2,000,000 stock options available for grant in the Company Stock Option Plan (“SOP”). The SOP helps the Company to attract, retain, and motivate through ownership, competent and qualified directors, officers, and consultants. Our SOP was originally a Toronto Stock Exchange approved SOP allowing up to 20% of the issued and outstanding to be granted subject to shareholder approval of the plan’s maximum allowed shares. Although the Toronto Stock Exchange approved 20% format was retained by MacMillan when the Company obtained listing on the TSX Venture Exchange in July 2002, the Company has only requested shareholder approval for 3,950,000 shares under the SOP since TSX Venture Exchange listing. This number represents 8.5% of the currently issued and outstanding shares of MacMillan.

At a subsequent board meeting, the directors of MacMillan made the following appointments:

George A. Brown – President & CEO  
David Bending, P. Geo. – Vice President of Corporate and Project Development  
John Thompson, P. Eng. – Vice President of Exploration  
William Hamilton, P. Geo. – Manager of Exploration  
Elizabeth Tello – Treasurer & Corporate Secretary

Mr. Bending, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Thompson are all Qualified Persons under the meaning of Canadian National Instrument 43-101.

The change for Mr. Bending from VP Exploration to VP Corporate & Project Development recognizes the importance of the role that he has had in providing MacMillan’s strong portfolio of properties and our ongoing ability to source and add future projects. It also recognizes that Mr. Bending has other personal time commitments, including, but not limited to, that of Director and Vice President of Exploration for our property partner in Peru, Duran Ventures Inc. (NEX:DRV.H).

The Company is pleased to welcome Mr. John P. Thompson as VP Exploration. Mr. Thompson has a B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Acadia University in Earth Sciences (geology). He is also a Geological Engineer with over 30 years experience in our industry including as Vice President and President of public companies.

The board of MacMillan also approved a \$1,750,000 exploration budget for the balance of 2006. Approved work programs include a 1,000 metre drill program at the La Mus Silver Property, a 2,000 metre follow up drill program at the Cerro de Oro Polymetallic Project in Zacatecas, a 1,500 metre drill program at the La Union Massive Sulphide Property after completion of an airborne survey, and a surface work program to advance the La Cucharas Gold Project to the drill decision stage.

The Company is funded to complete all exploration programs currently planned in 2006.

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