

TORONTO, August 1, 2012 – Desert Gold Ventures Inc. (TSX-V: DAU) (the "Company" or "Desert Gold") continues to drill the mineral resource it discovered in Rwanda in 2008. In 2010, an inferred resource of 5.5 million tonnes at a grade of 1.48g/t Au for a resource of 265,000 ounces was declared (see Desert Gold's SEDAR profile)⁽¹⁾. Since that time three announcements have been made of further intersections on the mineralized zone. Once again, we are pleased to announce the successful outcome of further drill progress on the Byumba Gold Permit in Rwanda. Desert Gold is currently drilling to increase the resource by drilling along the extensions of the deposit. A total of 3,286m has been drilled in 14 holes along the north north-western extension and down dip of the current resource. Drilling suggests the mineralized zone to be continuous for 1,200m adding 400m of strike to the existing resource. Holes drilled down dip indicate mineralization to continue in depth. The orientation of the mineralized zone is NNW to SSE with mineralization occurring from surface. Gold mineralization is hosted in broad zones which includes higher grade mineralization. Mineralization is open down dip and along strike and potential exists to further increase the resource. Intersections made since the last update in April 2012 are given in Table 1. **Borehole RB12-45 intersected 19.35m at an average grade of 1.5g/t Au, including 7.19m at a grade of 3.12g/t Au.** This intersection occurs down dip of borehole RB09-27 that intersected 0.94g/t Au over 17m including 1.20g/t Au over 7m.

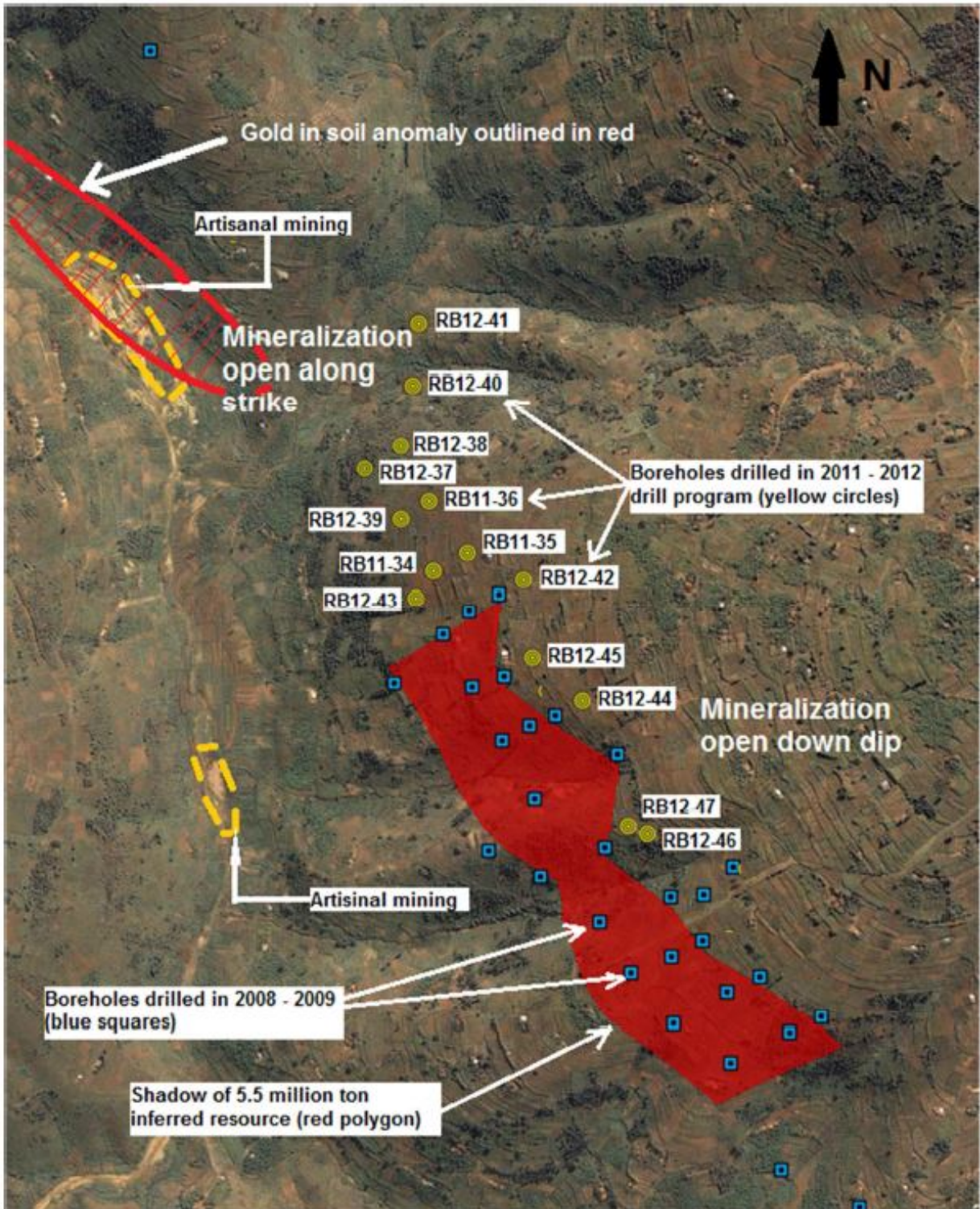
⁽¹⁾ McKinney, M. and J. Fleming (2011). Byumba, Rusizi and Nyamugali Projects Rwanda – Independent Technical Report on Gold Exploration and Mineral Resources. Prepared by Coffey Mining on behalf of: TransAfrika Belgique SA.

Table 1. Selected intersections from recent drilling

Hole No	From (m)	To (m)	Intersection width (m)	Estimated true width (m)	Au (g/t)
RB12-42 including	207.49 210.88 215.03 224.22	228.45 212.58 219.40 228.45	20.96 1.70 4.37 4.23	17.5 1.4 3.6 3.5	0.69 1.71 1.02 0.98
RB12-42 including	262.52 269.07 273.33	275.13 271.26 275.13	12.61 2.19 1.80	10.4 1.8 1.5	0.75 2.00 1.40
RB12-43 including	45.74 66.01	68.02 68.02	22.28 2.01	24.6 1.7	0.64 4.57
RB12-44 including	192.69 192.69	201.23 195.13	8.54 2.44	6.9 2.0	0.97 1.66
RB12-44	206.41	212.10	5.69	4.6	0.86
RB12-44 including	226.37 226.37 237.11	247.22 229.00 240.77	20.85 2.63 3.66	16.9 2.1 3.0	0.66 1.52 1.28

RB12-45 including	152.65 154.81	172.00 162.00	19.35 7.19	16.7 6.2	1.50 3.12
RB12-47 including	68.80 68.80 77.51 90.38 94.16	96.11 71.80 80.08 91.42 96.11	27.31 3.00 2.57 1.04 1.95	22.2 2.4 2.1 0.8 1.6	0.55 1.10 1.14 2.27 1.26

Sample analysis was conducted by ALS Chemex South Africa (Pty) Limited, Johannesburg laboratory. The samples were assayed by means of a fire assay with an inductively coupled plasma and atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) finish. ALS Chemex is a South African National Accreditation System (SANAS) certified laboratory.



About Desert Gold

Desert Gold Ventures Inc. is an advanced exploration and development company which holds mining assets in Mali, Rwanda, Senegal and a 50% participating interest in a joint venture agreement with Kinross Goldbanks Mining Company (a subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corporation) of Toronto, Ontario in respect of the Goldbanks Mining property located in Pershing County, Nevada, USA.

For further information concerning Desert Gold Ventures Inc. and the TransAfrika material properties, please refer to Desert Gold's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com or visit our website at www.desertgold.ca.

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