

TORONTO, February 4, 2013 - Desert Gold Ventures Inc. (TSX-V: DAU) (the "**Company**", "**Desert Gold**") reports that its Farabantourou, Loulo-East and Djimbala permits continue to operate normally following the declaration of a state of emergency in Mali as French forces joined the Malian army in a joint military initiative to quell rebels in the North of the country. In the South, including the capital Bamako, social and economic activity is normal and remains largely unaffected.

The Company recently completed a highly successful drill program on its Farabantourou permit (see news release dated January 15, 2013). The drill program, which lasted approximately two months, ran smoothly and was not impacted by the conflict in the North of the country.

The Company's operations and permits are in safe areas, more than 700 kilometres from conflict zones, and have not been affected by any of the issues that have afflicted Mali over the last twelve months.

Chief Executive Officer Roeland Van Kerckhoven noted, "Whilst our operations and interests are far from the conflict area in the North, the Company is monitoring the situation closely."

About Desert Gold Ventures Inc.

Desert Gold Ventures Inc. is an advanced exploration and development company which holds a portfolio of advanced mineral projects located in Rwanda, Mali and Senegal.

This news release has been prepared on behalf of the Board of Directors of Desert Gold, which takes full responsibility for its contents.

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