

# Great Basin Gold Announces C\$50 Million Bought Deal Public Offering of Common Shares

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- ([Marketwire](#) - March 8, 2012) - Great Basin Gold Ltd. ("Great Basin Gold" or the "Company"), (TSX:GBG)(NYSE Amex:GBG)(JSE:GBG) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters led by RBC Capital Markets pursuant to which the underwriters have agreed to, on a bought deal basis, buy 61,000,000 common shares of the Company at a price of C\$0.82 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately C\$50 million (the "Offering"), by way of a short form prospectus. The Company has granted the underwriters an over-allotment option to purchase up to an additional 15% of the Offering, for a period of 30 days following the closing.

Net proceeds from the Offering will be used towards working capital for the development and ramp up of the Burnstone Mine.

The Offering is scheduled to close on or about March 28, 2012 and is subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Ferdi Dippenaar, Great Basin Gold President and CEO, commented: "The Company has reviewed its cash flow forecast and based on the significant amount of progress and underground development already completed and underway at Burnstone, the resolution of the water issues affecting the mine, and development rates at target levels, we believe the fundraising is sufficient to fund working capital at Burnstone until Q3 2012 when we expect the mine to be cash flow positive.

Equipment and mining teams required to achieve the target levels of production are in place and long hole stoping is performing in line with expectations."

Under the terms of the agreement, the Company is required to file a preliminary short-form prospectus and obtain a receipt from the securities regulatory authorities in all provinces of Canada, except Quebec, by March 14, 2012. The securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registrations requirements of such Act. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, sale or solicitation would be unlawful.

Copies of the preliminary prospectus may be obtained from RBC Capital Markets, Attention: Distribution Centre, 277 Front St. W., 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2X4 (tel: 416-842-5349).

For additional details on Great Basin Gold and its gold properties, please visit the Company's website at [www.grtbasin.com](http://www.grtbasin.com).

## **Cautionary and Forward Looking Statement Information**

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