

Sandstorm Gold Acquires NSR Royalty From Solitario and Ely Gold

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire) -- 06/11/12 -- [Sandstorm Gold Ltd.](#) ("Sandstorm" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE: SSL) is pleased to announce that it has acquired a 2.4% net smelter returns royalty ("NSR") on the Mt. Hamilton gold project ("Mt. Hamilton") from [Solitario Exploration & Royalty Corp.](#) ("Solitario") (NYSE MKT: XPL) (TSX: SLR) and Ely Gold & Minerals Inc. ("Ely Gold") (TSX VENTURE: ELY). Mt. Hamilton is located in Nevada, U.S.A. and is held by Mt. Hamilton LLC ("MH-LLC") which is 80% owned by Solitario and 20% owned by Ely Gold. As consideration, Sandstorm will make an upfront cash payment to MH-LLC of US\$6 million upon signing the agreement and a future cash remittance of US\$4 million on January 15, 2013.

If MH-LLC enters into a gold stream agreement with Sandstorm that has an upfront deposit of no less than US\$30 million, MH-LLC will have the option, for a period of 30 months, to repurchase up to 100% of the NSR for US\$12 million. In addition, MH-LLC has provided Sandstorm with a right of first refusal on any future royalty or gold stream financing for the Mt. Hamilton project.

"Using a small amount of cash on hand, we have secured a royalty on an excellent project and we are well positioned to complete a gold stream as Mt. Hamilton progresses to the construction stage," said Sandstorm President & CEO Nolan Watson. "Solitario has been successful in developing the asset to date and we believe there is significant upside potential."

About Mt. Hamilton

The Mt. Hamilton gold project is located in White Pine County, Nevada, U.S.A. Solitario released a feasibility study in February 2012 showing favourable economics for an open pit operation with heap leach extraction. Once in operation, the mine is expected to produce 48,000 ounces of gold and 330,000 ounces of silver per year over an 8 year period, with excellent potential to add additional resources and extend the mine life.

Mineral Reserve Statement, Centennial Gold-Silver Deposit

Reserve Category	Tons (millions)	Gold Grade		Silver Grade(i)		Contained Gold (oz)	Contained Silver (oz)
		Oz/Ton	g/Tonne	Oz/Ton	g/Tonne		
Proven	0.923	0.032	1.10	0.155	5.31	29,300	142,700
Probable	21.604	0.021	0.72	0.134	4.59	457,800	2,884,300
Prov.+ Probable	22.527	0.022	0.75	0.136	4.66	487,100	3,028,200

(i) Reported silver grade is cyanide soluble.

Mineral Resource Statement, Centennial Gold-Silver Deposit

Resource Category	Tons (000's)	Gold Grade (oz/t)	Contained Gold (oz)	Silver Grade (oz/t)	Contained Silver (oz)
Indicated	22,732	0.022	497,330	0.132	3,010,471
Measured and Indicated	23,650	0.022	526,854	0.133	3,152,624
Inferred	3,454	0.018	60,859	0.079	273,457

(i) Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Walter Hunt, Chief Operating Officer of Solitario, B.Sc.-Geology, M.S. Geologic Engineering, is the Qualified Person under NI 43-101 responsible for reviewing and approving the technical information contained in this news release.

For more information on Solitario, Ely Gold and the Mt. Hamilton project, please visit www.solitarioresources.com or www.elygoldandminerals.com.

ABOUT SANDSTORM GOLD

[Sandstorm Gold Ltd.](http://www.sandstormgold.com) is a growth focused resource based company that seeks to complete gold purchase agreements with companies that have advanced stage development projects or operating mines. A gold purchase agreement involves Sandstorm making an upfront cash payment to its partners and in exchange, Sandstorm receives the right to purchase a percentage of the gold produced for the life of the mine, at a fixed price per ounce. Sandstorm helps other companies in the resource industry grow their business, while acquiring attractive assets in the process.

Sandstorm is focused on low cost operations with excellent exploration potential and strong management teams. Sandstorm has completed gold purchase or royalty agreements with [Luna Gold Corp.](http://www.lunagold.com), [SilverCrest Mines Inc.](http://www.silvercrestmines.com), [Santa Fe Gold Corp.](http://www.santafegold.com), [Rambler Metals and Mining plc](http://www.ramblermetals.com), [Brigus Gold Corp.](http://www.brigusgold.com), [Metanor Resources Inc.](http://www.metanorresources.com), [Donner Metals Ltd.](http://www.donnermetals.com), [Magellan Minerals Ltd.](http://www.magellanminerals.com), [Solitario Exploration & Royalty Corp.](http://www.solitarioexploration.com) and Ely Gold & Minerals Inc.

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