

Peter Hawley Appointed Chair

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December 4, 2012 - [NioGold Mining Corporation](#) (TSX-V:NOX) (OTCQX:NOXGF) ("NioGold") is pleased to announce that Mr. Peter Hawley has accepted the appointment as Chairman of NioGold.

Mr. Hawley is a professional geologist with over 30 years experience in the mining industry, from grassroots exploration through to mine development and production, on projects throughout the Americas. He spent over 22 of those years working in the Val D'Or mining camp, including the Norlartic, Kierens and Marban mines - all of which are now part of NioGold's current land holdings and being actively re-evaluated by NioGold.

Mr. Hawley has worked extensively with a number of large and established mining companies, including [Teck Corp.](#), [Noranda Inc.](#), Placer Dome Inc., [Aur Resources](#) and [Barrick Gold Corp.](#). In 1998, he founded [Scorpio Mining Corporation](#), a low cost underground silver producer in Mexico which is listed on the TSX with a market capitalization of \$200 million. Peter served as Scorpio Mining's CEO until November 2010 and currently holds office as Chairman of the Board. During his time at Scorpio Mining, Peter managed and participated in all exploration, staffing, mine development and production design, in addition to raising over \$120M for the project's development. After stepping down as CEO of Scorpio Mining, he founded [Scorpio Gold Corporation](#) where he has served to date as CEO. Within 17 months of purchasing the Mineral Ridge Gold mine in Nevada, Scorpio Gold brought the low cost open pit gold mine into production with Peter overseeing all construction, mine planning and development, and exploration while raising all the capital required for build-out of the project.

Mr. Hawley also continues to serve as a director and officer of a number of other public companies, and brings a wealth of experience in project exploration and development, financing and corporate governance to NioGold.

Mr. Iverson, President and CEO of NioGold, states "We are extremely pleased and excited that Peter will take on a more active role in NioGold. His personal knowledge of our flagship projects, combined with his knowledge and experience in exploration and mine planning and development in general, will be a great asset to us as we continue to plan and execute on the development of our properties."

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NioGold's experienced and qualified technical team are overseeing the advancement of these projects, with current drill programs underway targeting expansion of the resource base.

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