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## **VIKING GOLD COMPLETES ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

**Toronto, ON, January 3, 2013** – Viking Gold Exploration Inc. (TSX-V:VGC), the “Company” or “Viking Gold”, is pleased to announce that it has now completed a non-brokered private placement offering (the “Offering”). The Company has sold 525,000 units at a price of \$0.60 per unit for gross proceeds of \$315,000. Each unit consists of five common shares (four flow-through common shares and one non-flow-through common share) and two and one-half common share purchase warrants. Each full warrant entitles the holder to purchase an additional non-flow-through common share at a price of \$0.17 for a period of 24 months from the date of closing of the Offering.

The Company incurred 7% finders’ fees in the amount of \$22,050 and issued 183,750 finders’ warrants in connection with the Offering. Each finder’s warrant entitles the holder to acquire one non-flow-through common share at a price of \$0.17 for a period of 24 months from the date of closing of the Offering. The proceeds will be used 80% to fund exploration expenditures and 20% for general corporate purposes.

The Company also sold 500,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit for gross proceeds of \$50,000. Each unit consists of one common share plus a full warrant that entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$0.15 for a period of 24 months from the date of closing. The proceeds will be used for general working capital purposes.

All of the securities issued above are subject to a four-month hold period from the date of issue. Subsequent to the closing of this financing, which added a total of 3,125,000 common shares, Viking Gold has 77,384,369 common shares issued and outstanding.

For further information, please contact Mark Edwards, CEO at (905) 752-2008 or visit the Company’s website at: [www.vikinggold.ca](http://www.vikinggold.ca).

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