

NEWS RELEASE

MEADOW BAY GOLD CONFIRMS HISTORICAL DRILLING AT ITS ATLANTA GOLD MINE PROJECT IN NEVADA AND PREPARES CURRENT RESOURCE ESTIMATE

New estimate expected in fall 2012 for 2011 Drill Program

Vancouver, BC – July 19, 2012 Meadow Bay Gold Corporation (“Meadow Bay Gold” or the “Company”) (TSX:MAY) (OTCQX:MAYGF) (Frankfurt: 20M, WKN A1C3DN) is pleased to report a mineral resource estimate from its Atlanta Gold Mine Project, Lincoln County, Nevada based upon previous exploration holes drilled by former operators and upon confirmatory drilling conducted by the Company in 2011.

The initial objective of the 2011 drilling program was to confirm the results of drilling done during previous exploration campaigns in the 1990s. Seven holes were drilled into the known mineralized zones which confirmed the previous drilling results. A current mineral resource estimate was then calculated based on the previous exploration holes and the 2011 confirmation drilling. The mineral resource estimate, prepared under the guidance of Dr. Matt Ball, P. Geo. and with an effective date of March 30, 2012, is summarized below.

Main Zone – 0.5 g/t Au cut-off

	Tonnes	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Au ounces	Ag ounces	eAu ounces*
Indicated	5,798,017	1.62	8.42	302,797	1,569,689	332,413
Inferred	3,928,317	1.06	19.04	133,662	2,404,717	179,034

East-West Zones – 0.5 g/t Au cut-off

	Tonnes	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Au ounces	Ag ounces	eAu ounces*
Indicated	1,461,294	1.5553	4.5157	73,072	212,154	77,074
Inferred	753,674	1.3404	7.8446	32,479	190,083	36,065

Aggregate of Main and East-West Zones – 0.5 g/t Au cut-off

	Tonnes	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Au ounces	Ag ounces	eAu ounces*
Indicated	7,259,311	1.61	7.63	375,869	1,781,843	409,487
Inferred	4,681,991	1.10	17.24	166,141	2,594,800	215,099

* - eAu determined at an Ag:Au ratio of 53:1

The mineral resource estimate was conducted using Inverse-Distance Weighting grade interpolations within a block model. Mineral Resources were estimated at several cut-off values. The 0.50 gram per tonne gold cut-off reported above was selected to reflect a possible cut-off value for a gold open pit milling operation in North America.

The Company is to file a technical report in respect of the calculation of the above mineral resource estimates shortly.

Robert Dinning, CEO commented, “We emphasize that this resource estimate represents an interim step between the historic estimate prepared by Kinross Gold in 1998 and an more complete resource determination that is still under preparation. With the exception of the initial confirmation holes, this current estimate does not include the results of the bulk of the 2011 drilling. Nor does it adequately distinguish between the silicified breccia mineralization and the more recently discovered porphyry-hosted gold mineralization. The next resource estimate – which is ongoing – is expected to address both of these concerns.”

Dr. Matt Ball, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and independent consultant to the Company, has reviewed the contents of this press release.

Meadow Bay Gold is focused on developing the former producing Atlanta Gold Mine in Nevada, USA. Permitting for the next round of exploration drilling is ongoing.

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