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Z-GOLD EXPLORATION CLOSES A PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Rouyn-Noranda, Canada – January 12, 2011 – Z-Gold Exploration Inc. is pleased to announce the closing of a private placement for the amount of CDN \$195,500.

The placement consists in 782,000 flow-through shares and 195,500 common shares at a price of \$0.20 per share representing a total amount \$195,500. Each share is accompanied of one-half (½) of a share purchase warrant. Two one-half warrants allow to subscribe for one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.26 per share, expiring January 12, 2013.

The securities that will be issued at the closing of this private placement will be subject to a hold period of four months and one day from closing. This placement is subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities.

About Z-Gold Exploration Inc.

Z-Gold has as its flagship property the Abitibi Gold Property located in Munro Township in the famous Timmins mining camp. There are many surface gold showings that require investigation by ground geophysical surveys and followed up by a diamond drilling program. A recent airborne survey has successfully outlined many EM and magnetic structural features. A geophysical feature similar to the Croesus mine has been identified. The Abitibi Gold Property consists of 112 claims located approximately 86 kilometres east northeast of the city of Timmins in the Larder Lake Mining Division, Ontario.

Z-Gold Exploration Inc. is a publicly listed company trading on the TSX Venture (ZGG).

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