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Fire River Gold Corp. Provides Updated Resource Estimate

December 21, 2011 Vancouver, BC, Canada - Fire River Gold Corp. and Mystery Creek Resources Inc. [TSX.V: FAU] OTCQX: FVGCF] FSE: FWR] (collectively "the Company") provides the following re-estimation of the resources at the Nixon Fork Mine, prepared by Giroux Consultants Ltd., based on diamond drilling performed in 2010 and 2011, mining extraction in 2011, and adjustments to the 2010 resource estimate.

This 2011 Resource Estimate demonstrates the viability of the company's stated objective: to replenish what is mined on an annual basis, thereby extending mine life beyond the existing resource base.

The new resource estimate is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: 2011 Resource Estimate for the Nixon Fork Mine (at 10 g/t Au, Giroux)

Zone	Indicated					Inferred				
	Tonnes	Grade		Contained Au		Tonnes	Grade		Contained Au	
		g/t	opt	g	oz		g/t	opt	g	oz
<i>Hard Rock:</i>										
3000	10,570	31.8	0.93	336,443	10,817	20,350	31.7	0.93	645,909	20,766
3300	81,200	25.6	0.75	2,078,720	66,840	19,800	30.9	0.90	612,018	19,677
3550	1,200	11.7	0.34	14,052	452	1,550	11.6	0.34	17,965	578
Whalen	630	11.2	0.33	7,056	227	10	10.2	0.30	102	3
J5	7,500	16.7	0.49	125,025	4,020	660	13.6	0.40	8,963	288
3100	560	11.3	0.33	6,350	204	410	12.4	0.36	5,076	163
Mystery	27,400	23.7	0.69	649,380	20,878	100	18.9	0.55	1,885	61
Southern Cross						11,100	19.6	0.57	218,004	7,009
Subtotal	129,060	24.9	0.73	3,217,027	103,438	53,980	28.0	0.82	1,509,921	48,545
Existing Tailings*	92,000	7.9	0.23	724,040	23,287	48,000	7.4	0.21	353,760	11,377
Total	221,060	17.8	0.52	3,941,067	126,725	101,980	18.3	0.53	1,863,681	59,922

*Does not include tailings added to pond from 2011 operations

Correction to the 2010 Resource Estimate:

The hard rock mining portion of the 2010 Resource estimate included 121,690 tonnes of indicated resources at a grade of 26.9 g/t plus 70,780 tonnes of inferred resources at a grade of 27.8 g/t using a COG of 10 g/t Au (Giroux 2010).

Through the course of preparing the 2011 re-estimate it was determined that the 3077 zone had been previously extracted. This error inflated the 2010 resource estimate by 9,330 tonnes of indicated resources grading 42.3 g/t and 10,920 tonnes of inferred resources grading 34.7 g/t. The corrected 2010 resource estimation is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Corrected 2010 Resource Estimate for the Nixon Fork Mine (at 10 g/t Au, Giroux)

Zone	Indicated					Inferred				
	Tonnes	Grade		Contained Gold		Tonnes	Grade		Contained Gold	
		g/t	opt	g	oz		g/t	opt	g	oz
<i>Hard Rock:</i>										
3000	6,170	29.7	0.87	183,554	5,900	26,680	27.6	0.81	737,420	23,711
3300	68,900	27.5	0.80	1,891,305	60,809	20,900	29.5	0.86	617,177	19,840
3550	1,200	11.7	0.34	14,052	452					
Whalen	630	11.2	0.33	7,056	227	10	10.2	0.30	102	3
J5	7,500	16.7	0.49	125,025	4,020	660	13.6	0.40	8,963	288
3100	560	11.3	0.33	6,350	204	410	12.4	0.36	5,076	163
Mystery	27,400	23.7	0.69	649,380	20,878	100	18.9	0.55	1,885	61
Southern Cross						11,100	19.6	0.57	218,004	7,009
Subtotal	112,360	25.6	0.75	2,876,723	92,490	59,860	26.5	0.77	1,588,627	51,075
Existing Tailings*	92,000	7.9	0.23	724,040	23,287	48,000	7.4	0.21	353,760	11,377
Total	204,360	17.6	0.51	3,600,763	115,777	107,860	18.0	0.53	1,942,387	62,452

Comparison of the 2011 and 2010 Resource Estimates:

A total of 24,800 m of diamond drilling was performed in 2010 and 2011, which included exploratory and ore definition drilling. Resources were expanded for three zones as a result of this drilling: 3000, 3300, and 3550. Mining operations began on 4 July 2011. It is estimated that a total of 11,300 tonnes grading 17.1 g/t (approximately 6,200 oz) was extracted before the date of the 2011 resource estimate (October 13, 2011), exclusively from the 3300 zone. Table 3 shows the net result of increases to the resource estimate as a result of diamond drilling **minus subtractions due to mining**.

Table 3: Comparison of 2011 and 2010 Lode Resources Net of Mining (at 10 g/t Au)

Zone	Indicated					Inferred				
	Tonnes	Grade		Contained Au		Tonnes	Grade		Contained Au	
		g/t	opt	g	oz		g/t	opt	g	oz
<i>Hard Rock:</i>										
3000	4,400	34.7	1.01	152,889	4,917	-6,330	14.5	0.42	-91,511	-2,945
3300	12,300	15.2	0.44	187,415	6,031	-1,100	4.7	0.14	-5,159	-163
3550						1,550	11.6	0.34	17,965	578
Total	16,700	20.4	0.59	340,304	10,948	-5,880	13.4	0.39	-78,706	-2,530

Analysis and Discussion

These results are very positive, as they demonstrate the viability of the company's stated objective: to replenish what is mined on an annual basis. A total of 6,200 ounces was extracted through mining to 13 October 2011, but diamond drilling activities replaced the extracted ounces and added approximately 8,400 ounces of indicated resources net of mining. All of the mining occurred in the 3300 zone, yet this zone gained approximately 6,000 ounces of indicated resources because of increases due to drilling.

There was no mining in the 3000 zone. The table shows an increase in indicated resources due to expansion of the ore zone and the conversion of inferred resources to indicated resources.

The 3550 Zone is a new discovery that is being actively drilled (refer to news releases on October 3 and November 1, 2011). The company expects to continue to expand resources in this area over the next six months.

The results of this resource update will be included in a new NI43-101 Technical Report, which will be filed on SEDAR before the end of January 2012.

The Qualified Person for this news release is Richard Goodwin, P.Eng, President & C.O.O. for Fire River Gold Corp.

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