



HIGH DESERT GOLD CORPORATION

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High Desert Gold Corporation Files Second Quarter 2011 Financial Statements

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High Desert Gold Corporation (“HDG” or the “Company”) reports that it has released its unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and the related management’s discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations (“MD&A”).

As at June 30, 2011, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of US\$1.4 million.

The Company has completed its earn-in obligation to acquire a 60% interest in the Gold Springs property. The Company and Pilot Gold Inc. are participating in a joint development program at Gold Springs through a limited liability company with the Company holding a 60% interest and Pilot Gold a 40% interest.

The Company will continue follow up of the ZTEM geophysical survey at Gold Springs and plans on completing an NI 43-101 Technical Report by year end. Plans for additional drilling will be completed, with the start date dependent on the timing of completion of permitting. At San Antonio, surface sampling and mapping will continue in preparation for further drilling.

The Company has completed the transfer of all of its interests in the Canasta Dorada property to Highvista Gold Corp. (“HVG”). The Company may raise additional funds through the sale of some of its HVG shares to allow for expanded exploration work at Gold Springs and San Antonio in the second half of 2011 and 2012.

Copies of the unaudited condensed interim financial statements and related MD&A can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

ABOUT HIGH DESERT GOLD

The Company is a mineral exploration company that acquires and explores mineral properties, primarily gold, copper and silver, in North America. The major properties held by HDG are the Gold Springs gold project situated along the border between Utah and Nevada and the San Antonio project in Sonora, Mexico. The Company also has a 49% interest in the Canasta Dorada property in Sonora, Mexico, through its equity interest in Highvista Gold Corp. There has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource at Gold Springs and at San Antonio and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the targets at these two projects being delineated as a mineral resource.

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