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CAPITAL GOLD APPOINTS VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

Will supervise construction, start-up and operations of El Chanate mine

NEW YORK, May 15, 2006 - Capital Gold Corporation (TSX: CGC; OTC/BB:CGLD) is pleased to announce the appointment of John Brownlie to the position of Vice President Operations for the Company's El Chanate gold mining project in northern Sonora, Mexico. He will supervise the construction, start-up and operation of the mine.

Brownlie has provided team management for mining projects requiring technical, administrative, political and cultural experience over his 28 year mining career. He has previously been the General Manager for the Zarafshan-Newmont Joint Venture in Uzbekistan, a one-million tonne per month heap leach plant which produced over 400,000 ounces of gold per year. Prior to that, he served as the Chief Engineer and General Manager for Monarch Resources in Venezuela, at both the El Callao Revemin Mill and La Camorra gold projects. Before that, was a resident of South Africa and associated with numerous mineral projects across Africa. He is also a mechanical engineer and fluent in Spanish.

Capital Gold's Chairman Gifford Dieterle said, "We are extremely pleased to add John to our growing team of seasoned industry professionals. John's vast experience will help move the construction process along smoothly." In other related events at the El Chanate project:

- An initial deposit of \$250,000 was placed for the crushing and ore stacking equipment, and the design is nearing completion.
- A contract was entered into with CFE, the Mexican power company, to begin installation of the permanent power line to the site.
- The purchase of the ADR processing plant has been completed.
- The powder magazines are complete and approved.
- Pre-construction activities such as environmental, site clearing, road and water well upgrades and site infrastructure construction are in progress.
- The Engineering, Procurement & Construction Management (EPCM) contract is in its final draft and the contract award will be finalized in the next few weeks.
- Because of the rising gold price, we have instructed our consulting engineers to re-evaluate our reserves in accordance with SEC reporting principles.

- The financing commitment from Standard Bank PLC remains in full force and effect and we are actively working toward closing this transaction.

“With Gold prices now \$300 higher than originally contemplated in our feasibility study, we believe there is even greater economic opportunity at El Chanate. We anticipate mining operations will begin in early 2007,” Dieterle said. Further information about Capital Gold and the El Chanate project is available on the Company’s website, www.capitalgoldcorp.com.

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The forecasts contained in this press release constitute management’s current estimates, as of the date of this press release, with respect to the matters covered thereby. We expect that these estimates will change as new information is received and that actual results will vary from these estimates, possibly by material amounts. While we may elect to update these estimates at any time, we do not undertake to update any estimate at any particular time or in response to any particular event. Investors and others should not assume that any forecasts in this press release represent management’s estimate as of any date other than the date of this press release. Additional information concerning certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual, results to differ materially from that projected or suggested is contained in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) over the past 12 months, copies of which are available from the SEC or may be obtained upon request from the Company.

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