IAMGOLD CORPORATION

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NEWS RELEASE

# IAMGOLD ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF US$500 MILLION SENIOR NOTES OFFERING

**Toronto, Ontario, September 10, 2012 – IAMGOLD Corporation** ("IAMGOLD" or the "Company") today announced that it intends to offer up to a US$500 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2020 (the "Notes"). IAMGOLD intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes for general corporate purposes, including the funding of capital expenditures and exploration.

The Notes have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the securities laws of any state and may not be offered or sold absent registration under the Securities Act or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements thereof. The Notes will be offered and sold in the United States only to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act and outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes will be offered and sold in Canada on a private placement basis pursuant to certain exemptions from applicable Canadian securities laws.

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**Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statement**

*This news release contains forward-looking statements. All statements, other than of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements, including the completion and timing of this offering and the intended use of proceeds from this offering. They are forward-looking because they are statements about the future that are based on what the Company knows and expects today. Forward-looking statements are generally identifiable by use of the words "may", "will", "should", "continue", "expect", "anticipate", "outlook", "guidance", "estimate", "believe", "intend", "plan" or "project" or the negative of these words or other variations on these words or comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's ability to control or predict, that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the need to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement and related documents, need for continued cooperation of the initial purchasers, need to successfully market the offering, risks discussed in the risk factors section in IAMGOLD's latest annual information form. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. IAMGOLD disclaims any intent or obligations to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, estimates or options, future events or results or otherwise, unless required to do so by law.*

## About IAMGOLD

IAMGOLD is a leading mid-tier gold mining company producing approximately one million ounces annually from five gold mines (including current joint ventures) on three continents. In the Canadian province of Québec, the Company also operates Niobec Inc., which produces more than 4.5 million kilograms of niobium annually, and owns a rare earth element resource close to its niobium mine. IAMGOLD is uniquely positioned with a strong financial position and extensive management and operational expertise. To grow from this strong base, IAMGOLD has a pipeline of development and exploration projects and continues to assess accretive acquisition opportunities. IAMGOLD's growth plans are strategically focused in certain regions in Canada, select countries in South America and Africa.

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