

**Marathon Gold Intersects 2.09 g/t over 65.6m True Thickness including 16.49g/t Au over 3.2m at the Leprechaun Gold Deposit**

TORONTO, ON – June, 29, 2011 -- Marathon Gold Corporation (“Marathon” or “the Company”) (MOZ-TSX) is pleased to announce today the intersection of a wide interval of gold mineralization in the northeast section of the Leprechaun Gold Deposit. Drill hole VL-11-288 intersected 2.09 g/t Au over 65.6m including 16.49g/t Au over 3.2m and 76.0 g/t over 0.8m (**Figure - SZ**). Additional new gold mineralization was intersected in VL-11-287 with 9.38 g/t Au over 7.2m including 16.68 g/t Au over 4m and in VL-11-289 with 2.59 g/t Au over 8.8m.

All grades in this release are uncut and all thicknesses quoted are estimated true thicknesses. The Valentine Lake Project is a 50/50 joint-venture between Marathon and Mountain Lake. Both Companies are equal contributors to the 2011 25,000m drilling program now underway.

“The intersection of this wide zone of high grade mineralization at the Leprechaun Gold Deposit is an excellent start to our summer exploration program despite a three-week delay due to poor spring weather. The new mineralization extends 40 meters down-dip and over 50 meters along strike from previous drilling results and will result in an important expansion of the deposit,” said Phillip Walford, President and CEO of Marathon Gold Corporation.

Highlights:

- The wide gold intersection of 2.09 g/t Au over 65.6m with 16.49 g/t Au over 3.2m and 76.0 g/t Au over 0.8m in VL-11-288 confirms the potential for intersecting additional wide zones of high grade gold mineralization at depth within the Leprechaun Gold Deposit.
- The new mineralization in VL-11-287 with 9.38 g/t Au over 7.2m including 16.68 g/t Au over 4m and in VL-11-289 with 2.59 g/t Au over 8.8m including 6.00 g/t Au over 2.4m confirms the along strike continuity of high-grade gold mineralization.
- The new drilling results extend the zone of gold mineralization more than 40m down dip from previous drilling and will expand the resource.
- VL-11-285 and VL-11-286 are drilled through a zone of dominantly mafic dykes that cut eastward at about the 1550 E section across the Leprechaun Gold Deposit. Gold mineralization resumes on the other side of the dyke.
- The second rig drilling at the SW end of the current resource limits of the Leprechaun Gold deposit has intersected typical quartz-tourmaline-pyrite-gold mineralization with assays pending over the next two weeks.
- A total 73 drill holes totalling 10,721m (42%) of our planned 25,000m 2011 drilling campaign have been completed to date for the Valentine Lake Property. The majority of those holes have been focussed on the expansion of the Leprechaun resource and the remaining drilling will be on definition and expansion of the Leprechaun deposit.

TABLE 1: Significant Assay Intervals for the Leprechaun Gold Deposit

DDH	Section	Zone*	From (m)	To (m)	Core Width (m)	TT (m)	Gold (g/t)
VL-11-286	10537.5	HW	103	105	2	2	1.50
VL-11-287	10512.5	HW	29	32	3	3	0.76
VL-11-287	10512.5	MZ	162	168	6	4.8	2.86
including	10512.5	MZ	162	163	1	0.8	13.52
VL-11-287	10512.5	MZ	195	198	3	2.4	1.08

VL-11-287	10512.5	MZ	241	250	9	7.2	9.38
including	10512.5	MZ	243	248	5	4	16.68
VL-11-287	10512.5	FW	273	278	5	3.5	2.48
VL-11-288	10500	HW	40	48	8	8	0.56
VL-11-288	10500	MZ	155	237	82	65.6	2.09
including	10500	MZ	182	186	4	3.2	16.50
including	10500	MZ	229	237	8	6.4	9.66
including	10500	MZ	229	230	1	0.8	76.00
VL-11-288	10500	MZ	267	272	5	4	3.78
VL-11-288	10500	FW	300	302	2	1.6	6.42
VL-11-289	10487.5	HW	50	54	4	4	0.55
VL-11-289	10487.5	MZ	179	182	3	2.4	2.37
VL-11-289	10487.5	MZ	207	218	11	8.8	2.59
including	10487.5	MZ	207	210	3	2.4	6.00
VL-11-289	10487.5	MZ	230	234	4	3.2	1.52

*Denotes: HW – hanging wall zone, MZ – main zone, FW – footwall zone

- A site visit by Marathon Gold Corporation's Board of Directors occurred on June 22, 2010 (photos on website) with all members flying into the Valentine Lake Property to examine the mineralized core, tour the new camp facility, and hold a board meeting

All of the samples were analyzed at Eastern Analytical Laboratory Ltd., in Springdale, Newfoundland. Samples were assayed using lead collection fire assay with AA (atomic absorption) finish. Results from fire assay are used for drill hole planning only. Assay results for the future updates of the December, 2010 resource will be determined by an ongoing metallic screening process. Due to the coarse nature of the gold at the Leprechaun Deposit, the metallic screening method is used on economically important intersections using standard fire assay techniques. The reported values in this release are fire assay results.

A revised resource for the Leprechaun deposit was planned for the second quarter of 2011. The joint-venture partners have decided to defer this resource estimation until the current drilling program has been completed and an open pit resource can be estimated. The open pit resource will form the basis of the Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") scheduled for release in the first half of 2012.

About the Valentine Lake Joint Venture

The Valentine Lake Project is a 50/50 joint venture between Marathon Gold and Mountain Lake. The Leprechaun Gold Deposit is situated at the south-western end of the Valentine Lake Property and the Valentine East Gold Zone is located 13 km along strike running in a north-easterly direction. These gold occurrences form part of a 23 km long, highly prospective gold-bearing mineralized corridor. Marathon is the operator of the Project, and the companies have agreed to jointly fund a \$6 million budget in 2011 that will include a planned 25,000 meters of drilling.

Leprechaun Deposit

The Leprechaun Deposit has a new (News release, [December 16, 2010](#)) NI 43-101 compliant Measured and Indicated Resource of 3,284,000 tonnes grading 2.62 g/t gold for a total estimated 277,000 ounces of gold. The inferred mineral resource is 4,409,000 tonnes grading 2.01 g/t gold

for an estimated 285,000 ounces of gold. The new resource was estimated using a 0.5 g/t gold minimum cut-off over a 3 meter minimum width. The Leprechaun Gold Deposit is open at depth and along strike with 74% of the current M & I ounces occurring within 150m of surface.

Sherry Dunsworth, M.Sc., P. Geo., VP of Exploration, Marathon's Qualified Person, has reviewed the contents for accuracy and has approved this press release on behalf of Marathon.

Update on the Golden Chest Project

Drilling at Marathon's Golden Chest Mine in northern Idaho, which had been delayed by three weeks due to poor spring weather conditions, is now on schedule with two rigs currently drilling off the open pit deposit in the southern part of the Idaho Property. The project is a JV with New Jersey Mining as operator.

About Marathon Gold Corporation

Marathon Gold Corporation ("Marathon") is one of Canada's newest gold resource development companies, with projects located in the mining friendly province of Newfoundland and Labrador (Valentine) and now a project in the prolific Coeur d'Alene Mining District of Idaho (Golden Chest). Marathon has a project pipeline consisting of early stage exploration to advanced resource development projects that may be built into mineable reserves. Marathon is continually evaluating new gold resource development projects of merit that are located within the Americas. Marathon's focused and low-cost approach to resource development and exploration has an established record of delivering rapid growth. Marathon is the operator of the Valentine Lake Project under the joint venture with Mountain Lake. For more information visit: www.marathon-gold.com

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