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Mr. Allen Winters Joins Sutter Gold Board

Vancouver B.C., Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (TSX-VX: SGM) today announced that Allen S. Winters has joined the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Winters, who is currently a consultant to the mining industry, served in a variety of senior executive management positions with Homestake Mining Co. over a 20-year period (1975-1995). Homestake Mining Co. merged into Barrick Gold Corporation in December 2001 to create one of the world's largest gold mining companies. At the time of his retirement from Homestake in 1995, Mr. Winters was Vice President and General Manager of the Homestake Mine in Lead, South Dakota. From 1988 through 1992, he served as Vice President of U.S. Operations for Homestake and had direct responsibility for five domestic mining operations producing precious metals and uranium for two joint ventures.

From 1968 to 1974, Mr. Winters served as a mine supervisor and resident manager with New Jersey Zinc Co., where he directed operations at the Eagle Mine in Gilman, Colorado, a 1,200 ton per day underground zinc/lead mine. Prior to joining New Jersey Zinc Co., he was employed in various positions at a number of mining companies in Montana.

Mr. Winters earned a B.S. Degree in Mining Engineering and an M.S. Degree in Geological Engineering at the Montana School of Mines.

"We are delighted to welcome Allen Winters to our Board of Directors," stated Hal Herron, CEO. "Allen joins our Board at a time when we are moving rapidly to develop our advanced stage gold resource located in the historic Mother Lode District of California. In addition to Allen's extensive industry contacts, his extensive operational, engineering and management experience in the mining industry will prove highly valuable as we evaluate the most expeditious course in developing the Lincoln Project."

"Al is a miners' miner!" stated Chairman Norm Anderson. "I've known Al for a good number of years and can tell you he is very respected in the precious metals mining industry. All of us look forward to his keen insight and counsel....and moving our project forward especially with gold in excess of \$600/oz."

The Company has granted 200,000 stock options to Mr. Winters at an exercise price of \$0.30 per share, expiring on April 20, 2011, with 50,000 stock options vesting every six months.

About the Sutter Gold Mine

The Sutter Gold project contains a 3.2-mile segment of the Mother Lode belt from which 10 historic mines produced 2.3 million ounces of gold. The historic mines bracket a one-mile-long portion of the Mother Lode belt with no historic gold production that contains the Lincoln and Comet zones. The Lincoln and Comet zones were “blind” discoveries that did not outcrop at surface and represent the first significant new gold discoveries made along the Mother Lode belt in the last 50 years. The Sutter Gold project has been the subject of considerable modern exploration activity, most of it centering on the Lincoln and Comet zones, which are adjacent to each other and together are referred to as the Lincoln project. A total of 85,085 feet of drilling has been accomplished in 190 diamond drill holes, and modern underground development consists of a 2,850-foot declined ramp with 2,400 feet of crosscuts and five raises. The historic gold production was documented in a detailed report completed by Mark Payne, the consulting geologist to Sutter Gold and a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Further information is available at the Company’s website at www.suttergoldmining.com.

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