



Atacama Pacific Announces Completion of C\$32,025,000 Bought Deal Public Offering and Secondary Offering of Common Shares

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July 12, 2011, Toronto, ON, – Atacama Pacific Gold Corporation (“**Atacama**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX-V: ATM) is pleased to announce that it has completed its previously announced bought deal offering of 6,100,000 common shares (the “**Offering**”), comprised of 5,800,000 common shares issued by the Company from treasury (“**Treasury Offering**”) and 300,000 common shares sold by an existing shareholder (the “**Secondary Offering**”), at a price of C\$5.25 per common share (the “**Offering Price**”). The Company realized gross proceeds of C\$30,450,000 from the Treasury Offering, and the selling shareholder realized gross proceeds C\$1,575,000 in connection with the Secondary Offering. The Company did not receive any proceeds pursuant to the Secondary Offering.

Net proceeds of the Treasury Offering will be used to advance development of the Company's Cerro Maricunga Gold Property and for general corporate purposes.

The Offering was conducted by a syndicate of underwriters led by RBC Capital Markets and including Jennings Capital Inc., Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd. and GMP Securities L.P. (collectively the “**Underwriters**”). As consideration for the services provided in connection with the Offering, the Company and the selling shareholder paid a cash commission of equal to 6% of the gross proceeds of the Offering to the Underwriters.

The Company and the Selling Shareholder have granted the Underwriters an over-allotment option to purchase up to an additional 15% of the Offering at the Offering Price, exercisable in whole or in part, at any time prior to August 11, 2011.

About Atacama Pacific Gold Corporation

Atacama's principal business is the acquisition, exploration and development of precious metals resource properties in Chile. Atacama's principal mineral property is the Cerro Maricunga oxide-associated, breccia-hosted gold project, located in Region III, 140 kilometres by road northeast of the city of Copiapo. Atacama's goal is to become a producer of gold through the exploration and development of the Cerro Maricunga Project. Atacama also owns four other mineral properties within close proximity to the Cerro Maricunga Project and a fifth property in Chile's Region I.

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