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Bibiani Environmental Permit Granted

- **Ghanaian Environmental Protection Agency Approval received**
- **Noble now able to commence mining operations, Tailings Storage Facility wall raise works and stockpiling ore immediately**

Noble Mineral Resources (ASX: NMG) is pleased to report that an important milestone has now been reached along the path to production at the Bibiani mine site. The Ghana Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted the Company an Environmental Permit on 9th November 2011.

The process of obtaining the Environmental Permit has been a lengthy one with many phases. It entailed producing an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) in February 2011 followed by a Public Hearing in July 2011. In the build-up to the public hearing Noble conducted numerous meetings with different community groups, inaugurated a Community/Mine Consultative Committee and set up an Information Centre in the Bibiani Township resulting in the community continuing to give the Company its strong support. Noble was also required to set up further processes to ensure the impact of mining on the environment and surrounding communities is minimised and dealt with as well as enter into a Corporate Social Responsibility Agreement with the community to cover the aspects of employment, training/education, sanitation and health.

The EPA Permit was a prerequisite for a number of activities on the mine site; no earthworks, mining or processing plant operations were allowed to start before the permit was granted. With the approval now under its belt, Noble can officially start active mining immediately. The first operations to commence include preparations at the satellite pits with pre-stripping waste and stockpiling ore on the extended Run of Mine (ROM) ore pad from the satellite pits and tailings deposits.



The Tailings Storage Facility wall raise designs for stages 1 and 2 have been ready and awaiting the authorisation for the works to commence. Also commissioning of the refurbished processing plant is possible to start after receiving the permit.



ROM pad extension

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About Noble Mineral Resources Limited

Noble Mineral Resources Limited listed on the Australian Stock Exchange on 26th June 2008 with a focus on exploring for large-scale gold deposits in the world-class Ashanti Gold Belt in Ghana, West Africa. In November 2009, the Company entered into an agreement for the acquisition of the **Bibiani Gold Mine**, a project located in the Sefwi-Bibiani Gold Belt in Ghana, host to over 30 Million Ounces of gold. On July 20th 2010 the final Share Transfer Form was executed to consummate the purchase.

Noble's other primary gold concessions are Exploration Licences at **Cape Three Points, Brotet** and **Tumentu**, which cover some 141.3km² and all are located within the world-class Ashanti Gold Belt in south western Ghana. Ghana is the second largest gold producer in Africa and is the 10th largest gold producing nation in the world, with annual production of approximately 2.9 Million Ounces. Noble's on-going focus will be to expand the drilling program at Bibiani to target new shallow resources near the Bibiani Mine and adjacent tenements while still progressing the **Cape Three Points, Brotet** and **Tumentu** Concessions within the Southern extension of the Ashanti Gold Belt. Initial exploration at Cape Three Points will be targeted towards the **Satin Mine Project** and the **Morrison Project**, both of which lie in an area of historic underground gold exploration. Noble believes that there is significant potential for the delineation of additional high-grade gold mineralisation relating to the down-plunge and strike extension to these zones. When added to the potential now available at Bibiani it will place Noble in a strong position to achieve its goal in building Australia's next major gold mining house.

The Company recognises the **Bibiani, Cape Three Points, Brotet** and **Tumentu** concessions are relatively under explored, highly prospective projects and aims to rapidly redefine JORC-compliant resources for development.

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