

Sandstorm Gold Recognizes Record Gold Sales and Operating Cash Flow of US\$9.3 Million

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Sandstorm Gold Ltd. ("Sandstorm" or the "Company") (TSX-V:SSL) is pleased to announce its unaudited results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012 (all figures in U.S. dollars).

First Quarter Highlights

- Record operating cash flow of \$9.3 million.
- Record gold sales of 7,946 ounces.
- Average cash cost per ounce of \$314 resulting in cash operating margins of \$1,380 per ounce.
- Sandstorm entered into a revolving credit agreement to borrow up to \$50 million, which remains undrawn.

"The first quarter proved to be another record quarter in terms of gold sales and cash flow," said President & CEO Nolan Watson. "As our cash balance continues to grow, we are better positioned to complete additional gold streams while minimizing equity dilution. I am confident that our team will be able to add significant value through acquisition during 2012."

Outlook

Based on existing gold stream agreements, the forecasted attributable production for 2012 is 26,000 to 34,000 ounces of gold increasing to over 50,000 ounces of gold per annum by 2015.

Further details of the individual commodity streams can be found within Management's Discussion and Analysis contained in the Company's first quarter 2012 report and on the Company website.

Webcast and Conference Call Details

A conference call will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012 starting at 8:30 am PDT to further discuss the first quarter results. To participate in the conference call use the following dial-in numbers:

Local / International: 647-788-4916

North American Toll-Free: 877-214-4966

It is recommended that participants dial in five minutes prior to the commencement of the conference call. [Click here](#) to access an audio webcast of the conference call which will also be available on the Sandstorm website.

ABOUT SANDSTORM GOLD

Sandstorm Gold Ltd. is a growth focused resource based company that seeks to complete gold purchase agreements with companies that have advanced stage development projects or operating mines. A gold purchase agreement involves Sandstorm making an upfront cash payment to its partners and in exchange, Sandstorm receives the right to purchase a percentage of the gold produced for the life

of the mine, at a fixed price per ounce. Sandstorm helps other companies in the resource industry grow their business, while acquiring attractive assets in the process.

Sandstorm is focused on low cost operations with excellent exploration potential and strong management teams. Sandstorm has completed gold purchase agreements with Luna Gold Corp., SilverCrest Mines Inc., Santa Fe Gold Corp., Rambler Metals and Mining plc, Brigus Gold Corp., Metanor Resources Inc. and Donner Metals Ltd.

For more information visit: <http://www.sandstormgold.com>.

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Note 1: Sandstorm has included a non-IFRS performance measure in this press release being average cash cost per ounce. Average cash cost per ounce is calculated by dividing the Company’s costs of sales by the number of ounces sold. The Company presents average cash cost per ounce as it believes that certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company’s performance in comparison to other companies in the precious metals mining industry who present results on a similar basis.

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