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Operational Update Record Quarterly Production – 179,195 oz @ \$397/oz

VANCOUVER, BC – Paul N. Wright, President and Chief Executive Officer of Eldorado Gold Corporation, ("Eldorado" the "Company" or "we") is pleased to provide an update on the operating performance of the Company's mines and an outlook for the balance of the year.

Q3 & YTD Operating Performance

	Q	Q3		YTD	
Mine	Production (oz)	Cash Cost (\$/oz)	Production (oz)	Cash Cost (\$/oz)	
Kisladag	86,788	377	204,308	383	
Jinfeng	44,203	424	139,117	418	
Tanjianshan	26,935	353	87,405	365	
White Mountain	21,269	475	59,370	476	
TOTAL	179,195	397	490,200	401	

	Q3		YTD	
Iron Ore	Production (tonnes)	Cash Cost (\$/tonne)	Production (tonnes)	Cash Cost (\$/tonne)
Vila Nova	127,721	63	379,738	60

Iron ore sales in the quarter totalled 170,781 tonnes at a realized price of US\$122/tonne.

"We are extremely pleased that all operating mines continue to perform in accordance with plan in terms of production levels and cash operating costs, which resulted in record quarterly production for the corporation," commented Paul Wright, President and Chief Executive Officer.

In the first quarter of production start-up Efemcukuru produced approximately 4,500 tonnes of concentrate containing approximately 14,000 oz of gold. Minimal amounts of gold were recovered in the quarter through the gravity circuit which will be reported as production in Q4. It is intended that commercial production will be declared in Q4 2011.

2011 Year-End Outlook

Mine	Year-End Production (oz)	Cash Cost (\$/oz)
Kisladag	285,000	380
Jinfeng	175,000	430
Tanjianshan	115,000	370
White Mountain	75,000	475
Sub-Total	650,000	400

Iron Ore	Year-End Production (tonne)	Cash Cost (\$/tonne)
Vila Nova	508,000	62

Year end sales of iron ore are expected to total approximately 469,000 tonnes.

Efemcukuru

Efemcukuru commenced operations in June of this year. The mine is now producing at design capacity, and the mill is ramping up to design tonnage. We expect the mill to be at full capacity (50 tonnes per hour) in Q4 after minor modifications are completed. At year-end we expect to have produced approximately 40,000 ounces of gold, contained in flotation and gravity concentrate. The amount of dore actually produced and sold will depend on the start-up of the plant at Kisladag which processes Efemcukuru concentrate. We currently expect this plant to come on stream in December.

Eastern Dragon

At the Eastern Dragon project in Heilongjiang Province, China, construction of the processing facility is approximately 70% complete. Eldorado to date has not yet received the Project Permit Approval (PPA), which is the key permit required to allow earthworks to proceed at the tailings facility, waste dump, and open pit areas. Eldorado continues to work with the provincial government on advancing the permit application and remains confident in a successful outcome. Due to the early onset of winter in this region the earthwork programs will be delayed until Spring 2012, as a result we do not anticipate any gold production from Eastern Dragon until Q3 2012. Eldorado will provide updates as the permitting approvals are received.

"Despite the disappointment associated with not being able to complete construction at Eastern Dragon this year, we are extremely pleased with both the strong performance of our mines which are all operating in accordance with plan and the excellent start up of our Efemcukuru Mine in Turkey," commented Paul N. Wright, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Eldorado is a gold producing, exploration and development company actively growing businesses in Turkey, China, Greece and Brazil. With our international expertise in mining, finance and project development, together with highly skilled and dedicated staff, we believe that our company is well positioned to grow in value as we create and pursue new opportunities.

ON BEHALF OF ELDORADO GOLD CORPORATION

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