

NEWS RELEASE

RICHMONT MINES ACQUIRES EAST AMPHI AND FOURAX PROPERTIES FROM McWATTERS

MONTREAL, December 9, 2003 – Richmont Mines Inc. announces today that it has concluded a transaction with McWatters Mining Inc. (“McWatters”) whereby Richmont Mines acquired from McWatters the East Amphi Property and the Fourax Property, located near Malartic in northwestern Quebec, for a cash consideration paid on closing of CAN\$7 million. McWatters is to complete a CAN\$6 million exploration program on the East Amphi Property by December 31, 2004, which will also constitute additional consideration for Richmont Mines under the agreement. Richmont Mines, on behalf of McWatters, will manage the exploration work. Subject to completion of this exploration program, McWatters will be entitled to receive a 2% Net Smelter Returns royalty, applicable after 300,000 ounces of gold is produced from the East Amphi and Fourax properties. Richmont Mines has the option to purchase the 2% royalty for CAN\$1.5 million at any time after the start of production.

According to a 2002 study by SNC-Lavalin, on behalf of McWatters, the East-Amphi Property contains measured and indicated resources of 1.85 million tons grading 0.14 ounces of gold per ton for 253,000 ounces of gold. From this total, 535,000 tons grading 0.17 ounces of gold per ton, representing 90,000 ounces of gold, are classified in the measured resources category. Furthermore, most of the resources are located within 750 feet from surface. Richmont Mines is confident that underground exploration work can convert resources into reserves and identify additional resources.

Outlook

This acquisition consolidates Richmond Mines projects in northwestern Quebec since the East Amphi and Fourax properties are located less than 15 kilometers from the Camflo Mill which currently runs at 60% of its capacity. The synergy associated with Richmond Mines' workforce, the easy access to this shallow deposit and the average width of the ore zones of about 20 feet will largely contribute to the profitability of the project. The Company holds no long-term debt and, as of September 30, 2003, it had working capital of CAN\$34.8 million. Richmond Mines has no hedging contracts for gold.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements that include risks and uncertainties. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements include changes in the prevailing price of gold, the Canadian-US exchange rate, grade of ore mined and unforeseen difficulties in mining operations that could affect revenues and production costs. Other factors such as uncertainties regarding government regulations could also affect the results. Other risks may be detailed from time to time in Richmond Mines Inc.'s periodic reports.
