



## ***NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

### **LYDIAN INTERNATIONAL BOOSTS TREASURY WITH PROCEEDS FROM IFC WARRANT EXERCISE**

TORONTO, Ontario, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - Lydian International Ltd. (TSX: LYD) ("Lydian" or "the Company"), a gold-focused mineral exploration and development company, today announced that it had received around a further two million Canadian Dollars in proceeds from the IFC exercising the majority of its remaining warrants.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC; part of the World Bank Group), have recently exercised 4 million warrants at a strike price of £0.3125 providing Lydian with an additional £1.25m (around CAD\$2M) and taking the IFC's undiluted interest in the Company to 17.35%.

"This is a further show of support for Lydian from its largest and most influential shareholder the International Finance Corporation." said Tim Coughlin, Lydian's President and CEO. "This means the Company will go into 2012 with a healthy treasury in excess of 13 million Canadian Dollars".

#### **About Lydian International**

Lydian is a gold-focused mineral exploration and development company with expertise employing "first mover" strategies in emerging exploration environments. Currently Lydian is focused on Eastern Europe and on developing its flagship Amulsar gold project in Armenia. The current resource at Amulsar comprises of 32.4 Mt at 1.1 g/t Au (1.1 million ounces) of Indicated Category resources and 48.3 Mt at 0.9 g/t Au (1.4 million ounces) of Inferred Category resources. The Amulsar group of licenses is wholly owned by Lydian's Armenian subsidiary (Geoteam CJSC). Lydian also has a pipeline of promising early-stage gold and base metal exploration projects in the Caucasus regions.

Lydian's management team has a track record of success in grassroots discovery, in acquiring and developing undervalued assets, and in building companies. Lydian has a strong social agenda and a unique understanding of the complex social and political issues that characterize emerging environments. The Company's significant shareholders include the International Finance Corporation (IFC) which is a member of the World Bank Group and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). More information can be found on Lydian's web site at [www.lydianinternational.co.uk](http://www.lydianinternational.co.uk).

Lydian employees are instructed to follow standard operating and quality assurance procedures intended to ensure that all sampling techniques and sample results meet international reporting standards. All assay work for the released results was carried out by ALS Chemex analytical laboratory in Rosia Montana, Romania. More information can be found on Lydian's web site at [www.lydianinternational.co.uk](http://www.lydianinternational.co.uk).

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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