



**News Release**  
**B2Gold Reports Fatality at the Limon Mine in Nicaragua**

**Vancouver, June 24, 2011** – B2Gold Corp. (TSX: BTO, OTCQX: BGLPF) (“B2Gold” or the “Company”) reports a fatality in the underground workings at the Limon Mine in Nicaragua due to heavy rains and mine flooding.

On June 18, 2011 at approximately 4:30pm the Limon Mine suffered a force majeure event when heavy rains caused a portion of the underground mine workings to begin flooding. The mine was evacuated, as the safety protocol was implemented, and 25 of the 26 workers were safely removed. Tragically, one miner, Victor Vilchez Martinez died, in spite of intense efforts made toward his rescue. He had remained unaccounted for since the initial flooding. Víctor Vilchez Martínez (35) was from the community of Mina El Limon and is survived by his parents, siblings, wife and two children. On behalf of all B2Gold employees, the Company has extended its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr Martinez.

The underground operations will remain suspended during the accident investigation and rehabilitation of the mine to ensure safe operations. B2Gold is committed to the safety of each of its employees and will continue to make safety the top priority at its operations.

The Limon mill will continue to process ore from the existing stockpile and production schedules will be adjusted to include other sources of open pit ore during the suspension of underground mining.

**ON BEHALF OF B2GOLD CORP.**

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