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## **Deadline For Purchase of 46.25% of Chester Gold Property With Private Company Passes – Offer Expires**

July 17, 2006 Toronto, Ontario-**Young-Shannon Gold Mines, Limited (GYS-TSX.V)** (“Young-Shannon”) announces that the June 30 deadline for payment of \$CDN 2,000,000 (two million dollars), less the \$25,000 non-refundable deposit, from a private company for a 46.25% undivided interest in its Chester Gold Property has passed and the offer to purchase has expired (see Young-Shannon’s Press Release of May 11, 2006 for details of purchase). An extension of two weeks was granted by Young-Shannon, however, the private company failed to raise the cash requirement.

The Chester gold property, situated some 120 km. south-southwest of Timmins, and 160 km. north-northwest of Sudbury, is comprised of eleven patented, contiguous mining claims, and eighteen contiguous unpatented mining claims. Considerable exploration work has occurred on the property to date, consisting of mapping, geophysics, drilling, trenching, shaft sinking and assaying, which has yielded significant gold results, but still requires further exploration efforts.

A National Instrument 43-101 compliant qualifying report was written for the property in June, 2002 by D. McBride (filed on Sedar), which identified an indicated mineral resource of 222,000 tons grading 0.354 oz/t gold and an inferred mineral resource of 725,000 tons grading 0.16 oz/ton gold on the C-Prime gold deposit. Two additional drilling campaigns on the property, one in 2004 and one in 2005, continued to deepen and expand the C-Prime gold deposit, however, these recent results have not been included in any update of either proven or indicated mineral resources.

Greg Lipton, P. Geo. is the qualified person for the Company as required under National Instrument 43-101. He is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO).

Young-Shannon Gold Mines, Limited is a precious metals exploration company which holds a group of 11 patented and 18 unpatented claims within Chester Township located west of Highway 144 midway between Sudbury and Timmins, Ontario. It also has an option to earn a 60 % interest in the McMillan Gold Mine property, located 75 kilometres

southwest of the Greater City of Sudbury. The Company has 25,198,828 common shares outstanding and 28,468,828 shares on a fully diluted basis and is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol GYS.

Further details may be obtained from our website: [www.youngshannon.com](http://www.youngshannon.com)

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