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EXCELLON REPORTS 2012 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Toronto, Ontario – March 27, 2013 – Excellon Resources Inc. (TSX:EXN) ("Excellon" or "the Company"), Mexico's highest grade silver producer, is pleased to report financial results for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

2012 Highlights

- **High-grade production of 1.55 million silver equivalent ounces from the 100%-owned and royalty free La Platosa Mine in Durango, Mexico:**
 - Ore grades of 846 g/t (24.67 oz/T), 6.75% Pb and 11.81% Zn;
 - 1.1 million ounces Ag;
 - 5.7 million lbs Pb; and
 - 10.5 million lbs Zn;
- **Net cash costs per silver ounce of \$5.99⁽¹⁾ remain among the lowest in the industry;**
- **Net income of \$8.4 million;**
- **Financial position remains strong, with cash, marketable securities and trade receivables totaling \$11.0 million at year end;**
- **Fully-funded key expenditures during 2012 included:**
 - \$9.9 million on exploration in Mexico and Canada;
 - \$2.8 million in capital expenditures at the La Platosa Mine and Miguel Auza Mill;
 - \$2.4 million to repurchase a 1% net smelter return royalty on La Platosa from Golden Minerals – immediately accretive to cash flow and freeing the property of royalties;
 - \$2.9 million to repurchase 5.1 million common shares of the Company;
 - \$5 million invested in the Sprott Physical Silver Trust representing an underlying investment of 134,732 ounces of silver;
- **Discovery of new Source-style mineralization at Rincon del Caido, with results including:**
 - 132 g/t Ag, 3.13% Pb and 1.74% Zn over 55.5 m, including 336 g/t Ag, 3.27% Pb, 1.96% Zn over 4.10 m in hole LP1019;
 - 146 g/t Ag, 2.80% Pb, 1.90% Zn and 0.216 g/t Au over 43.4 m, including 381 g/t Ag, 10.6% Pb, 11.50% Zn, 0.354 g/t Au over 5.8 m in LP1023A; and
 - 7.25 g/t Au and 3.57% Zn over 13.1 m in LP1038.

"Despite operating for less than three quarters during 2012, we had a successful year on a number of fronts," stated Peter Crossgrove, Executive Chairman. "We realized the second highest net income in Company history of \$8.4 million and the third highest total revenues. Metal grades continued to be exceptional and we realized the best metal recoveries in Company history. From a production standpoint, we are beginning to demonstrate the continuing upside potential of the La Platosa Mine."

Mr. Crossgrove continued, "We matured as a Company on the community and government relations fronts during 2012. We implemented an improved comprehensive corporate social responsibility program



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compliant with internationally recognized standards, which is now successfully underway. Though we were under intense public scrutiny during much of 2012, the Mexican National Contact Point of the OECD and the environmental and labour authorities in Mexico stated that we are compliant with all of our obligations under Mexican and international laws and best practices. We continue to put our workers health and safety at the forefront of all of our operational decisions. Our relationship with local state and federal governments has never been better and we expect those relationships to improve yet further in the coming year.”

“Finally, during 2012 we began intersecting the periphery of a significant carbonate replacement deposit, which we have been searching for since acquiring the project. We are still in the early stages of this major discovery, but we hope that 2013 will bring us closer to realizing its full scope.”

Financial and Operating Highlights

Financial results for the three and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows:

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2012 \$000's	2011 \$000's	2012 \$000's	2011 \$000's
Revenue	9,113 ⁽²⁾	14,009	36,273 ⁽²⁾	48,010
Cost of sales	(5,013)	(2,280)	(19,189)	(17,195)
	4,100	11,729	17,084	30,815
Expenses:				
Corporate administration	(1,854)	(2,633)	(7,338)	(8,405)
Exploration	(3,650)	(2,105)	(9,907)	(6,067)
Other	(417)	(5,590)	685	(5,096)
Income tax recovery (expense)	8,481	(4,502)	7,884	(6,814)
Net income (loss)	6,660	(3,101)	8,408	4,433
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(895)	2,549	365	(26)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	5,765	(552)	8,773	4,407

Mine production for the three months and year ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Tonnes of ore processed	11,452 ⁽²⁾	17,039	48,199 ⁽²⁾	59,405
Ore grades:				
Silver (g/t)	751	952	846	796
Silver (oz/T)	21.89	27.76	24.67	23.22
Lead (%)	6.59	6.91	6.75	6.24
Zinc (%)	11.21	9.86	11.81	9.17
Recoveries:				
Silver (%)	94.43	93.29	93.43	88.9
Lead (%)	85.69	81.69	82.11	75.6
Zinc (%)	83.71	83.36	84.79	78.5
Production:				
Silver – (oz)	251,065	451,086	1,081,165	1,312,146
Silver equivalent ounces (oz)	360,831 ⁽³⁾	595,799 ⁽³⁾	1,550,964 ⁽³⁾	1,759,309 ⁽³⁾
Lead – (lb)	1,393,067	2,317,615	5,731,160	6,529,018
Zinc – (lb)	2,387,785	2,602,634	10,450,813	8,674,527
Sales:				
Silver ounces– (oz)	233,773	457,983	1,060,211	1,312,146
Silver equivalent ounces (oz)	337,642 ⁽³⁾	607,047 ⁽³⁾	1,523,422 ⁽³⁾	1,759,309 ⁽³⁾
Lead – (lb)	1,324,026	2,343,122	5,638,330	6,529,018

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Zinc – (lb)	2,253,698	2,725,056	10,316,726	8,674,527
Realized prices:				
Silver – (\$US/oz)	35.56	28.67	31.03	34.16
Lead – (\$US/lb)	1.03	0.81	0.91	0.98
Zinc – (\$US/lb)	0.93	0.97	0.90	1.02

(1) This is a non-IFRS performance measure. Silver equivalence is a weighted volume average based on market spot prices for silver, lead and zinc during the year. This measure excludes non-production related costs (i.e. care and maintenance) incurred during the illegal blockade from July 8, 2012 to October 16, 2012, see Note 2.

(2) Production was suspended from July 8, 2012 to October 16, 2012 due to an illegal blockade of the mine site.

(3) This is a non-IFRS performance measure. Silver equivalent ounces produced in 2012 were established based on realized prices for silver, lead and zinc during the applicable year being applied to the recovered metal content of the concentrates. Realized prices were approximately US\$31 per oz Ag, US\$0.90 per lb Pb and US\$0.90 per lb Zn during 2012 and US\$34 per oz Ag, US\$1.00 per lb Pb and US\$1.00 per lb Zn during 2011.

Note: "t"= tonne; "T"= ton

Completion of New Access Road to La Platosa Mine

Excellon is also pleased to announce the recent completion of a new secure access road to the La Platosa mine. This road will improve site safety and security and reduce ore haulage distance and times by approximately 5.5 kilometres (20 minutes), respectively, while reducing costs associated with road and equipment maintenance.

Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders

The Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders will take place on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 10:00 am at the TMX Broadcast Centre, located at The Exchange Tower, 130 King Street West, Toronto, ON, M5X 1J2. Please contact the Investor Relations Department for further information.

Qualified Person

The Company's exploration programs are supervised by John Sullivan, Excellon's Vice-President of Exploration and he has acted as the Qualified Person, as defined in National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"), for this disclosure.

Mr. Sullivan is an economic geologist with over 35 years of experience in the mineral industry. Prior to joining Excellon in 2007 he was a senior geologist at a Toronto-based international geological and mining engineering consulting firm where he evaluated properties and prepared NI 43-101 reports on gold and base metal projects in Canada and internationally. In addition he has held senior positions with two large Canadian mining companies where he directed major exploration programs, managed field offices, and evaluated projects in Canada, Europe, Africa and Latin America. Mr. Sullivan is not independent of Excellon as he is an officer of the Company.

About Excellon

An Evolution in High Grade Silver: Excellon's 100%-owned La Platosa Mine in Durango is Mexico's highest grade silver mine, with lead and zinc by-products making it one of the lowest cash cost silver mines in the country. The Company is positioning itself to capitalize on undervalued projects by focusing on increasing La Platosa's profitable silver production and near term mineable resources.

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