Mawson West Announces Equity Financing

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PERTH, AUSTRALIA and TORONTO, ONTARIO -- (Marketwire - Dec. 4, 2012) <u>Mawson West Limited</u> ("Mawson West" or the "Company") (TSX:MWE) is pleased to announce that it has filed a preliminary short form prospectus for a proposed offering of ordinary shares (the "Securities") of the Company in all of the provinces of Canada, other than Québec (the "Offering").

The Offering is being marketed by Cormark Securities Inc. and Paradigm Capital Inc. as underwriters (the "Underwriters"). An underwriting agreement for the Offering has not yet been entered into by the Company and the Underwriters. The Securities will be priced in the context of the market, with final terms of the Offering to be determined at the time of pricing and the entering into an underwriting agreement.

Mawson West has also granted the Underwriters an option (the "Over-Allotment Option") to arrange for purchase up to an additional 15% of the Securities sold under the Offering to cover over-allotments, if any. The Over-Allotment Option will be exercisable in whole or in part for a period of 30 days following the closing of the Offering.

The Offering is scheduled to close on or about December 19, 2012 and is subject to certain customary conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals, including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange. The Securities will be offered in Canada (other than Québec) by short form prospectus, and in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States on a private placement basis, and in other jurisdictions outside of Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States which are agreed to by the Company and the Underwriters, where the Securities can be issued on a private placement basis, exempt from any prospectus, registration or other similar requirements.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be used by the Company for additional capital expenditures and working capital as required for the development of the Dikulushi Cutback Project or the Kapulo Project, and/or to advance the Lufukwe Project and other exploration targets and pursue other capital project opportunities.

The Securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons absent registration or applicable exemption from the U.S. registration requirements. This press release does not and shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

About Mawson West Limited

Mawson West is a copper and silver mining company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Mawson West's operations are in Africa, in the South Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Company has two key projects, the Dikulushi Copper-Silver Mine, and the Kapulo Copper Mine which is presently under construction. Multiple exploration targets are being explored within the company's 7,300km sq. landholding.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information.

This press release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Generally, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved".

Forward-looking information is based on reasonable assumptions that have been made by the Company as at the date of such information and is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information referenced herein, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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