## **Continental Precious Minerals Inc. Update**

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TORONTO, ONTARIO -- (Marketwire - Feb. 28, 2013) - Continental Precious Minerals Inc. (TSX:CZQ) Since taking office late in December 2012, your Board has continued to review the status of the company. As promised in our proxy mandate, an urgent review of the principal asset in Sweden was commenced in January, 2013. This effort included three of your Directors plus an independent Qualified Person (QP) Mr. Bruce Mackie P. Geo. traveling to Sweden to meet with Continental's technical consultants and legal as well as community advisors. The group had thorough discussions with Michael Bromley Challenor and consultants who have explored the Swedish uranium assets to bring them to their current stage of development. Members of the group also visited the Viken property.

At the same time a review of all financial obligations, legal contracts and accounting records was commenced. Depending upon the outcome of this review, your Board may request an independent audit of the status of all financial affairs prior to the new Directors taking office. We would note that, the current unaudited interim cash balance of the company is \$8.6M as February 15th, 2013. This includes the \$1.5M previously put into escrow by the former Directors, to which the Company currently does not have access to, as detailed in the subsequent event notes to the unaudited financial statements of the company for the period ended November 30, 2012.

The Company is pleased to announce that it has received an interim report by Hatch which demonstrates that bio-heap leaching is a potentially viable option for the production of uranium, nickel, zinc and copper at the Company's Viken Deposit. Hatch was engaged by Continental in February 2012 to provide a literature review, a Gap Analysis report, and develop a testwork program and an analysis of process alternatives including a bio heap leach scenario for the Viken Deposit. The ongoing bio heap leach testwork is planned to consist of 24 column tests and is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar Q2, 2013.

In the meantime, your Directors are striving to minimise the cash outlay and develop a strategy to maximise the value of the Company's core project. Such strategies may include negotiating a joint venture, a partial sale or a combination of both to enhance the value of the project without putting the Company at risk.

The Company has received a number of indications of interest to both advance the Viken project as well as to engage in other resource based opportunities. Your Board fully appreciates the sense of responsibility that current shareholders have placed in them to ensure that Continental survives the recent downturn in the junior marketplace, and in particular to preserve the value of its core asset and its treasury. We thank our shareholders for their support and patience.

In addition, the Board of Directors has passed a resolution amending the general by-law of the Company to provide that a quorum of shareholders present in person or by proxy representing at least 20% of the outstanding shares of Continental shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the shareholders for the transaction of business. This resolution is subject to ratification by the shareholders of Continental at its next shareholder's meeting. As a result of the effect of the prior by-law, ratification of this amendment will require the affirmative votes of shareholders present in person or by proxy holding more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the company.

The Board is also in the process of reviewing candidates for additional shareholder representation on the board. We expect to make the appointment in the near future.

Continental will be represented at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's annual conference (PDAC), taking place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre this March 3-6. Representatives and management, as well as the company's technical consultants will be on hand to meet investors during the conference at booth #2448.

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