

Athabasca Reports Third Quarter Results and Announces Organizational Updates

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA--(Marketwired - Oct 31, 2013) - [Athabasca Minerals Inc.](#) (the "Corporation" or "Athabasca") (TSX VENTURE:ABM) is pleased to announce the filing of its Q3 financial results for the three months ended August 31, 2013. Athabasca reports the following highlights from Q3 2013:

- Aggregate management fees earned in the amount of \$3,620,506 compared with \$3,582,344 during Q3 2012;
- Earnings per share of \$0.038 compared to \$0.074 per share in Q3 2012;
- Net aggregate sales from corporate-owned operations in the amount of \$1,954,643 compared with \$Nil during Q3 2012;
- Significant enhancement of de-watering program with related improvement in aggregate extraction at Kearn aggregate operation;
- Total aggregate tonnes sold exceeds comparative quarter for first time during fiscal 2013;
- Continued progress with the silica sand Firebag Project;
- Appointments subsequent to Q3 2013:
 - Ms. Pamela Strand, P.Geol., M.Sc. to the role of Vice President, Business Development and Communications;
 - Mr. Craig Styles, B. Comm. as advisor to management; and
 - Changes to the Corporations' Board of Directors.

During Q3 the Corporation earned net income of \$1,059,462 compared to \$2,044,148 in the comparative period. Q3 2013 YTD net income, adjusted for non-cash items, was \$4,273,890 compared to \$4,412,129 in the comparative period, a decrease of 3.1%. Non-cash items primarily included depreciation, amortization, share-based compensation and loss on land use agreement.

During fiscal Q3 and Q3 YTD, Susan Lake sales have been strong with over 6.7 million tonnes sold over nine months. While fiscal Q3 YTD tonnage sales are 10.2% less than in the comparable period they are above Q3 2011 YTD sales by 40.1%. Contractor activity within the Susan Lake pit is currently at a high level in advance of the winter season, with strong aggregate demand expected to continue in Q4.

While maintaining management activities at the Susan Lake aggregate operation, the Corporation continued its transition to supplying sand and gravel from corporate-owned aggregate operations. Two important and positive developments have recently occurred at the Kearn pit that are expected to contribute to future improved productivity and reduced costs of production. Firstly, the Corporation has implemented an improved dewatering method, which has substantially increased operating access for aggregate extraction. Secondly, the Corporation is currently mining at a depth in the pit where a significantly richer proportion of gravel to sand ratio is being extracted. Previously, a higher sand content with typically less product value was encountered nearer to surface. As a combined result, increased extraction and processing of higher value aggregate is now being realized. Over 63% of the approximate total 248,000 tonnes of aggregate processed at the Kearn pit during Q3 occurred during the month of August alone.

The Corporation has maintained this improved efficiency in its aggregate extraction and processing since August and is expected to continue throughout fiscal 2013. Unusually heavy rainfall during much of the first two months of Q3 2013, hampered aggregate extraction at the Kearn pit and required the Corporation to focus largely on dewatering activities. During this time, as a result the Corporation was temporarily unable to fulfill all demand for processed gravel.

At our other corporate-owned pits, operations at Logan and House River are expected to resume at such time that winter roads can be accessed and product is deliverable.

As is evidenced by the significant increase in the amount of inventory of the Corporation as at August 31,

2013 of \$ 5,642,328, Athabasca has successfully processed a variety of high quality aggregates that have been stockpiled in strategic locations. These are now available to service oil sand operations and infrastructure demands. With Athabasca's current and increasing stockpile supply coupled with recent improvements in production efficiency, the Corporation is focused on greater marketing of its products and its services within its market area. The Corporation's inventory arose through a combination of factors throughout the course of the year. Firstly, Logan pit aggregate had been processed for a contract that was only partially fulfilled before spring breakup with the remaining portion of the contract to be delivered once hauling conditions permit. Secondly, the Corporation has stockpiled a significant quantity of processed sand at Kearl as a direct result of the geological formation in the upper levels of the Kearl pit. The market continues to demand sand from Kearl as it comprised 38% of YTD tonnage sales at Kearl.

At our corporate-owned silica sand Firebag Project, approval in principle from the government for the 80 acre Surface Material Lease application is anticipated this calendar year. The Corporation has engaged consultants to assist with the reclamation strategy for the Firebag project which is one of the regulatory requirements to obtain approval.

Q3 (Three months ended August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012)

	Q3 August 31, 2013	Q3 August 31, 2012
Aggregate management fees	\$3,620,506	\$3,582,344
Net aggregate sales	\$1,954,643	\$-
Total revenue	\$5,575,149	\$3,582,344
Total aggregate tonnes sold	3,333,079 tonnes	3,315,751 tonnes
Net income from aggregate operations	\$1,023,558	\$1,454,248
Net income (including lodging land use agreement)	\$1,059,462	\$2,044,148
Basic income per common share	\$0.038	\$0.074

Q3 YTD (Nine months ended August 31, 2013 and August 31, 2012)

	Q3 YTD August 31, 2013	Q3 YTD August 31, 2012
Aggregate management fees	\$7,536,545	\$8,370,631
Net aggregate sales	\$11,000,678	\$2,050,815
Total revenue	\$18,537,223	\$10,421,446
Total aggregate tonnes sold	7,207,081 tonnes	7,812,633 tonnes
Net income from aggregate operations	\$1,765,433	\$2,959,908
Net income (including lodging land use agreement)	\$1,532,325	\$3,549,808
Basic income per common share	\$0.054	\$0.130

Appointment to Management

Athabasca continues to grow and expand our business and as a result we are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Pamela Strand, P. Geo to the role of Vice President, Business Development and Communications effective October 25, 2013. Ms. Strand is a Professional Geologist and holds a Master of Science in Economic Geology. With over 25 years' experience in the exploration and mining industry, Ms. Strand has been involved in several corporate transactions. Since 1997 Ms. Strand has held the position of President with different public mineral exploration companies, and has served as past President of the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines and was past director on the Alberta Chamber of Resources. Ms. Strand was recently profiled as a Deloitte Woman of Influence in 2011 and was a nominee for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2010, as well as receiving recognition for her organization's environmental and community work.

Ms. Strand will assist with all geological aspects of Athabasca's projects, specifically with the advancement of exploration projects such as the silica sand Firebag Project and Richardson granite and dolomite projects. In addition to increasing communications with Athabasca's stakeholders in Northeast Alberta, as well as with the Alberta government, Ms. Strand will assist in the evaluation and execution of various opportunities such as marketing of aggregates and strategic initiatives.

Changes in Board of Directors

Athabasca announces the retirement of Mr. Wylie Hamilton and Mr. Ted Rousseau from the Board effective

November 30, 2013. Messrs. Rousseau and Hamilton have served as valued members of the Board since the Corporation's inception.

President Dom Kriangkum states, "We are grateful to both Ted and Wylie for their contributions to the Corporation. Their efforts have been instrumental in growing Athabasca to its current stage. Both the Corporation and I wish both Ted and Wylie well in their respective future endeavors."

In conjunction Athabasca is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Edward Bereznicki, MBA, P.Eng. to the Board of Directors effective November 30, 2013. Mr. Bereznicki has over 24 years of capital markets and industry experience, both domestically and internationally. Mr. Bereznicki has served as Vice President, Partner and Managing Director with a number of Canadian-based investment banking firms where he focussed on the energy industry, and was most recently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lone Pine Resources Inc. Mr. Bereznicki has a diverse background with proven management and advisory experience in the energy and financial sectors. Mr. Bereznicki's broad energy industry background includes mid-stream operations, large scale project development, marketing and risk management, and exploration and production. Mr. Bereznicki holds an MBA from the Ivey School of Business, and a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Alberta. He is a Professional Engineer and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta.

Douglas Stuve, Chairman of the Corporation states, "We are delighted with the addition of Ed to our Board and welcome the vast experience in management and in the capital markets he brings to the Corporation."

Mr. Bereznicki's and Ms. Strand's appointments are subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval.

Appointment of Advisor to Management

Athabasca is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Craig Styles, B. Comm. as an advisor to management. Mr. Styles is the current Vice President of Real Estate for The Brick. With a strong background in designing and executing real estate development and investment in Northern Alberta, Mr. Styles possesses well-honed leadership abilities, developed during his 31 years' experience with The Brick. As well, Mr. Styles was former director of Junior Achievement and has served on the capital board for the Stars Ambulance Vision Critical Campaign.

The complete financial statements for Athabasca for the three months ended August 31, 2013 and Management's Discussion & Analysis including the Corporation's Outlook for the same period are available for viewing on the Corporation's website at www.athabascaminerals.com (<http://www.athabascaminerals.com>) and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com (<http://www.sedar.com>).

About Athabasca Minerals

[Athabasca Minerals Inc.](http://www.athabascaminerals.com) is a resource company involved in the management, exploration and development of aggregate projects. These activities include contracts work, aggregate pit management, new aggregate development and acquisitions of sand and gravel operations. The Corporation also has industrial mineral land holdings in the vicinity of Fort McMurray and Peace River, Alberta for the purpose of locating and developing sources of industrial minerals and aggregates essential to high growth economic development.

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