

New Millennium Iron Corp. Congratulates Board Member General Rick Hillier on the Announcement That He Will Receive the Order of Canada

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CALGARY, ALBERTA -- ([Marketwire](#) - Jan. 12, 2012) - [New Millennium Iron Corp.](#) ("NML" or the "Corporation") (TSX: NML) is pleased to congratulate General Rick Hillier as a new recipient of the Order of Canada. General Hillier became a member of the Board of Directors of New Millennium Iron Corp. in late 2011 and we are proud to acknowledge this great achievement.

Lee Nichols, Chairman of NML, said, "Our Board is very pleased that General Hillier has been recognized by this distinguished award in our country. General Hillier is an inspiring leader, a dedicated and proud Canadian. He joins the ranks of many remarkable Canadians who are members of the Order of Canada and he has earned that privilege through his commitment to his country."

General (Ret.) Rick Hillier, CMM, MSC, CD, the former Chief of the Defense Staff of the Canadian Forces, is the highest ranking Newfoundland and Labrador officer in history. Born in 1955 and raised in Campbellton, Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland, he graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Following a very long and distinguished career in the Canadian Military, General Hillier was subsequently appointed as Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, his alma mater, effective July 3, 2008 and continues in that post.

"This marks one more great achievement for a great Canadian. New Millennium is very fortunate to be associated with such a talented leader," said Dean Journeaux, President and CEO of New Millennium Iron Corp.

About New Millennium

The Corporation controls the emerging Millennium Iron Range, located in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and in the Province of Quebec, which holds one of the world's largest undeveloped magnetic iron ore deposits. In the same area, the Corporation is also advancing its DSO Project to near term production. Tata Steel Limited, one of the largest steel producers in the world, owns approximately 27% of New Millennium and is the Corporation's largest shareholder and strategic partner.

Tata Steel has exercised its exclusive option to participate in the DSO Project and has a commitment to take the resulting production (see news release 10-16 dated September 14, 2010). Tata Steel also has exercised its exclusive right to negotiate and settle a proposed transaction in respect of the LabMag Project and the KéMag Project (see news release 11-09 dated March 6, 2011).

The Millennium Iron Range currently hosts two advanced projects: LabMag contains 3.5 billion tonnes of Proven and Probable reserves at a grade of 29.6% Fe plus 1.0 billion tonnes of Measured and Indicated resources at an average grade of 29.5% Fe and 1.2 billion tonnes of Inferred resources at an average grade of 29.3% Fe (see news release 06-13 dated July 5 2006 and news release 07-11 dated July 17, 2007); KéMag contains 2.1 billion tonnes of Proven and Probable reserves at an average grade of 31.3% Fe, 0.3 billion tonnes of Measured and Indicated resources at an average grade of 31.3 % Fe and 1.0 billion tonnes of Inferred resources at an average grade of 31.2% Fe (see news release 09-01 dated January 16, 2009).

NML's DSO project contains 64.1 million tonnes of Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves at an average grade of 58.8% Fe, 8.1 million tonnes of Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources at an average grade of 58.8% Fe, 7.2 million tonnes of Inferred Resources at an average grade of 56.8% Fe and about 40.0 - 45.0 million tonnes of historical resources that are not currently in compliance with NI 43-101 (see news release 09-03 dated February 11, 2009, news release 09-05 dated March 4, 2009, news release 09-16 dated

December 9, 2009 and news release 10-12 dated July 8, 2010). A qualified person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves, the Corporation is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves and the historical estimate should not be relied upon.

The Corporation's mission is to add shareholder value through the responsible and expeditious development of the Millennium Iron Range and other mineral projects to create a new large source of raw materials for the world's iron and steel industries. For further information, please visit www.NMLIron.com, www.tatasteel.com and www.tatasteeleurope.com.

Dean Journeaux, Eng., and Thiagarajan Balakrishnan, P. Geo., are the Qualified Persons as defined in National Instrument 43-101 who have reviewed and verified the scientific and technical mining disclosure contained in this news release.

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