

Ecometals Announces Closing of First Tranche and Extension of Private Placement Financing

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- ([Marketwire](#) - March 9, 2012) - Further to its news release dated February 16, 2012, [Ecometals Limited](#) (the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:EC) (BERLIN:GDQ) (FRANKFURT:GDQ) is pleased to announce that it has closed a first tranche (the "First Closing") of its previously announced private placement (the "Offering") of up to 20,000,000 units of securities of the Company (each a "Unit") at a price of \$0.10 per Unit (the "Issue Price") for gross proceeds of up to \$2,000,000, which Offering has been extended for a couple more weeks to permit the closing of additional tranches. The Company intends to close a further tranche on or about March 21, 2012.

Each Unit comprises one common share of the Corporation ("Common Share") and one Common Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"), with each Warrant entitling the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.16 per share at any time within 18 months after the issuance of the Warrant, subject to acceleration in the event that the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX Venture Exchange equals or exceeds \$0.16 for a period of 20 consecutive trading days after the closing of the Offering.

In the First Closing, subscribers purchased 4,329,200 Units for aggregate gross proceeds of CDN\$432,920.

The gross proceeds from the sale of the Units will be used for general corporate purposes and to fund exploration work on the Company's Rio Zarza project.

In connection with the Offering, the Company has agreed to pay a finder's fee to persons permitted by applicable securities laws to act as finders (each a "Finder"), equal to, in the aggregate, 8% of the gross proceeds raised from subscribers introduced to the Company by such Finders payable either in (i) cash, (ii) Units issued at the Issue Price or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii), in each case at the option of the Company. The Company paid a \$4,000 cash fee to a Finder in the First Closing.

All securities issued today are subject to a four (4) month hold period expiring on July 10, 2012.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

About Ecometals

Ecometals Limited is a Canadian TSX Venture Exchange listed mineral exploration and development company focused on the mineral resources in Latin America. Apart from its gold exploration in Ecuador, Ecometals also has significant manganese, iron and gold projects in Brazil at grass roots exploration and development planning stages.

Forward-Looking Information:

This press release contains certain "forward-looking information". All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future (including, without limitation, the expected date of closing of the second tranche of the Offering and the Company's anticipated use of proceeds from the Offering) constitute forward-looking information. This forward-looking information reflects the current expectations or beliefs of the Company based on information currently available to the Company as well as certain assumptions including, without limitation, assumptions as to the level of interest in investing in the Company. Forward-looking information is subject to a number of significant risks and uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking information, and even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on the Company. Factors that

could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to, the inability of the Company to obtain further subscriptions in a timely manner, if any, and the inherent limitations placed on the Company to fund exploration work based on the amount of proceeds raised.

Any forward-looking information speaks only as of the date on which it is made and, except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. Although the Company believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking information are reasonable, forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and accordingly undue reliance should not be put on such information due to the inherent uncertainty therein.

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