

Pan American Silver and Minefinders Announce Securityholder Approval of the Arrangement

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire) -- 03/26/12 -- [Pan American Silver Corp.](#) ("Pan American") (TSX: PAA) (NASDAQ: PAAS) and [Minefinders Corporation Ltd.](#) ("Minefinders") (TSX: MFL) (NYSE Amex: MFN) are pleased to announce the positive results of their respective shareholder votes to approve the previously announced plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement") whereby Pan American will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Minefinders.

79.78% of the Pan American shares represented at Pan American's special shareholders' meeting held earlier today were voted in favour of an ordinary resolution authorizing the issuance of up to 53,666,003 Pan American common shares in connection with the Arrangement.

99.79% of the Minefinders shares represented at Minefinders' special securityholders' meeting held earlier today were voted in favour of the special resolution approving the Arrangement. In addition, 99.63% of the votes cast by Minefinders' shareholders and Minefinders optionholders, voting together as a single class at the meeting, were voted in favour of the special resolution approving the Arrangement.

Minefinders will apply for a final order of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario approving the Arrangement on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 and, assuming receipt of court approval, Pan American and Minefinders expect the Arrangement to be effective on or about Friday, March 30, 2012.

Geoff Burns, Pan American's President and CEO, said: "We are extremely pleased with our shareholders' support for this logical and strategic transaction. This acquisition helps us advance our goal to be the leading low-cost primary producer of silver in the world, while at the same time significantly de-risks our overall portfolio of assets. We look forward to integrating Minefinders' portfolio of assets with ours. In particular the Dolores mine adds a very long-life, low cost silver producing asset for us in Mexico. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Minefinders' employees into the Pan American Silver family."

Mark Bailey, Minefinders' President and CEO, said: "The overwhelmingly positive response to the Arrangement by our shareholders reinforces our view that the combination of the two companies is in the best interests of shareholders. For our shareholders, the combination with Pan American represents an exciting next step as they gain exposure to an exceptional portfolio of world-class producing and development assets."

Minefinders shareholders with questions regarding the deposit of Minefinders shares to the Arrangement can contact Kingsdale Shareholder Services Inc. at 1-877-659-1818 or by email at contactus@kingsdaleshareholder.com.

About Pan American

Pan American's mission is to be the world's largest low-cost primary silver mining company by increasing its low-cost silver production and silver reserves. It has seven operating mines in Mexico, Peru, Argentina and Bolivia. Pan American also owns the Navidad project in Chubut, Argentina, and is the operator of the La Preciosa project in Durango, Mexico. For more information about Pan American, please visit Pan American's website at www.panamericansilver.com.

About Minefinders

Minefinders is a precious metals mining and exploration company and operates the multi-million ounce Dolores gold and silver mine in Mexico. For more information about Minefinders, please visit Minefinders' website at www.minefinders.com.

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