

Northair Outlines 2012 Work Programs for Precious Metal Projects in Mexico

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Drill Program Continues at La Cigarra Silver Project - Significant Budget Approved

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- ([Marketwire](#) - Jan. 31, 2012) - [International Northair Mines Ltd.](#) (TSX VENTURE: INM) (the "Company" or "Northair") is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has approved a significant exploration budget for the coming year. Work will focus on the Company's 100% owned La Cigarra silver project, located in the state of Chihuahua and its 50% owned Sierra Rosario silver/gold project located in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico.

"We anticipate this year to be very exciting for Northair as we advance the La Cigarra Project with an initial resource calculation and beyond," said Fred Hewett, President & CEO of Northair. "At La Cigarra, the Company will also commence several other exploration initiatives that, along with an aggressive drill program, will move the Project towards an independent economic scoping study."

La Cigarra 2012 Program

Given the continued success of the drill program at the San Gregorio and Las Carolinas zones, the Company will concentrate its drill program on infill drilling at both zones and the postulated mineralization connecting the two zones. To date, the San Gregorio and Las Carolinas zones have been delineated over a strike length of approximately 1,700 metres and drilling will test the prospective 350 meters of strike separating these two zones. The Company is targeting the release of an initial resource calculation by mid 2012 as a first step in the initiation of a scoping studying, which will be used to assess the economic potential of a bulk tonnage open pit mine at La Cigarra. JDS Energy and Mining Inc. have been retained to complete the initial resource calculation and are preparing a proposal to undertake the scoping study.

The 2012 budget approved for La Cigarra is designed to:

- Aggressively move the La Cigarra property forward with a minimum 7,500 metre core drill program;
- Expand the metallurgical study currently underway;
- Produce an initial Resource calculation in Q2 2012; and
- Compile the information required to initiate a Scoping Study in Q3 2012.

Please visit the following link to view a chart for the estimated timing of the work planned for 2012:
<http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/inm131i.pdf>.

La Cigarra Drilling Overview

Since drilling commenced at La Cigarra in 2009, Northair has completed 15 reverse circulation drill holes (1,455 metres) and 48 core holes (9,750 metres) totaling 11,205 metres. Drilling has focused on two of three known mineralized zones along a three kilometre trend. Results from drilling confirm:

- A strong and potentially surface minable mineralized system comprised of the central (San Gregorio) and south (Las Carolinas) zones with a combined length of over 2.0 kilometres. The mineralization encountered within these zones remains open in both strike directions and down dip.
- Strike length of the San Gregorio Zone presently totals approximately 1,000 metres. Drilling has confirmed the mineralized structure to be upwards of 125 metres wide and traced to a depth of approximately 250 metres. The structure remains open in all directions and at depth;
- Strike length of the Las Carolinas Zone totals approximately 650 metres with a width of approximately 100 metres. Drilling has traced the structure to a depth of approximately 200 metres.

- The existence of a mineralization system at the La Borracha Zone, located 450 metres north and on strike from the northern end of the San Gregorio Zone.

At La Cigarra significant exploration potential remains within the intervening 350 metres between the San Gregorio and Las Carolinas zones; and in the La Borracha Zone, where a further 1.5 kilometres of structure and a coincident silver soil geochemical anomaly has been identified.

The Company will provide the results of seven additional core holes drilled in 2011 (all completed within San Gregorio) once the assays are received and interpreted. Following the Christmas break, drilling recommenced on the Property with infill drilling within the San Gregorio Zone and additional drilling to better explore prospective areas between the San Gregorio and Las Carolinas mineralized zones.

Click the link below to view the significant mineralized intervals for each reported drill hole:
http://www.internationalnorthair.com/i/pdf/2012-01-27_La_Cigarra_Drill_Results_Update.pdf.

About the La Cigarra Silver Project

The La Cigarra Project is located in State of Chihuahua along the eastern fringes of the Sierra Madre Occidental in Mexico. Local topography is gentle with good road access to the major city of Parral, located 26 kilometres to the south east. The La Cigarra Project hosts a silver-rich, epithermal vein system with three identified zones forming a three kilometre trend. The Company has the right to earn a 100% interest in the optioned concessions by paying US\$450,000 over a five year period.

Click the link below to view a drill plan of the La Cigarra Property:
http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/inm15_F3.pdf.

Sierra Rosario 2012 Program

The Company is pleased to report that it has mobilized a crew comprising two geologists, a prospector and associated field assistants to commence an initial exploration program at the Sierra Rosario Project. The 2012 exploration program planned by Northair and its 50% partner American Consolidated Minerals Ltd. at Sierra Rosario will include:

- Geological mapping, sampling and trenching;
- IP geophysics with the objective of establishing multiple new drill targets; and
- Drilling to commence by May 2012.

Northair will provide further updates of this program once exploration develops on the Property.

About the Sierra Rosario Project

The Sierra Rosario Project is located in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico and covers a number of attractive targets including a bulk tonnage silver / gold target known as the San Rafael Zone. Previous sampling by Northair at the San Rafael Zone identified two continuous mineralized areas measuring 34.8 meters and 27 meters in length with average silver grades of 192 g/t and 91.8 g/t, respectively. The property was staked in 2003 by Northair as a result of its regional exploration program.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, INTERNATIONAL NORTHAIR MINES LTD.

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