Hunter Bay Minerals Announces Mobilization of Drill Rig to Sela Creek

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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM -- (Marketwire) -- 04/19/12 -- Hunter Bay Minerals plc ("Hunter Bay") (TSX VENTURE: HBY) (OTCQX: HTBNF) is pleased to announce that mobilization of the drill rig and ancillary equipment to Sela Creek has commenced. Mobilization will be completed in approximately two weeks and drilling is due to commence the first week of May.

The drilling equipment was loaded onto boats at Albina on the Marowijne River this morning, from where it will be barged to Paaston on the Tapanahony River, a landing stage in the northwestern part of the Sela Creek licence. Equipment will then be moved to camp, drill site and fuel store by ATV and tractor. Hunter Bay has constructed a core logging/handling facility and camp, which is staffed by efficient and experienced national and expat staff.

Drilling will target the Jons Pit and Cambior prospects initially, focused on defining the down dip continuation of shear hosted gold mineralization identified from surface channel sampling in 2011. This initial work will comprise approximately 1000 metres of drilling, at which point Hunter Bay will make a decision on where to drill the remaining 4000 metres.

Andrew Tunningley, MAusIMM (CP), a director of Hunter Bay, is a Qualified Person as defined in National instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects is responsible for the work program on the Sela Creek Project. Mr. Tunningley has supervised and approved all technical information contained in this news release.

About Hunter Bay

Hunter Bay is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral resource properties located in South America and Canada. Hunter Bay's lead project is the Sela Creek Project, located in Suriname, which Hunter Bay has an option to acquire up to an eighty percent (80%) interest. Hunter Bay also owns a one-hundred percent (100%) interest in the Great Bear Lake Properties located in the eastern side of Great Bear Lake NWT and has a thirty percent (30%) interest in the net profits of the Fortuna Project located approximately 400 kilometers southeast of Quito, Ecuador.

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