

Elgin Mining and Gold-Ore Resources Announce Closing of Merger Creating Growth Oriented International Gold Producer, Developer and Explorer

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VANCOUVER, 05/02/12 - [Elgin Mining Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: ELG) ("Elgin Mining") and [Gold-Ore Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX: GOZ) ("Gold-Ore") jointly announced completion of the business combination (the "Arrangement") which took effect May 1, 2012, whereby Elgin Mining acquired all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Gold-Ore by way of plan of arrangement. The Arrangement has resulted in a well-funded, growth-oriented gold producer which owns the producing Bjorkdal gold mine in Sweden and the Lupin and Ulu gold development projects in Nunavut, Canada. Patrick Downey will continue in his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Elgin Mining. Gold-Ore directors, David Mullen, Ronald Ewing, Glen Dickson and Robert Wasylshyn will join the expanded board of directors of Elgin Mining with immediate effect.

Under the terms of the Arrangement, for every Gold-Ore common share held, Gold-Ore shareholders will receive one Elgin Mining common share and one half of one common share purchase warrant of Elgin Mining exercisable at a strike price of \$1.30 per Elgin Mining share until May 1, 2014. In addition, holders of Gold-Ore options outstanding as at May 1, 2012 will receive, on the same terms and conditions as their Gold-Ore options, Elgin Mining replacement options which will entitle them to receive upon exercise, and for the same aggregate consideration payable therefor, Elgin Mining common shares in lieu of Gold-Ore common shares.

Delisting of the Gold-Ore common shares from the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") is expected to occur on or about May 4, 2012. Graduation of the Elgin Mining common shares and Elgin Mining warrants to the TSX is expected to occur on or about May 4, 2012 at which time Elgin Mining will be delisted from the TSX Venture Exchange. The Elgin Mining common shares and Elgin Mining warrants will trade under the symbols "ELG" and "ELG.WT", respectively.

Elgin Mining's financial advisor was National Bank Financial Inc. and its principle legal counsel was Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP. Gold-Ore's financial advisor was Fraser Mackenzie Limited and its principal legal counsel was McLeod & Company LLP.

Effective upon completion of the Arrangement on May 1, 2012, Elgin Mining granted an aggregate of 725,000 options with immediate vesting to five non-executive directors exercisable for an equal number of Elgin Mining Shares for a period of five years from the date of grant at an exercise price of \$0.88 per Elgin Mining Share.

Elgin Mining Inc.

[Elgin Mining](#) is a Canadian based company focused on the exploration and development of the Lupin gold mine and Ulu gold project, both located in Nunavut Territory, Canada and production at its Bjorkdal Gold Mine in Sweden, which has produced 1,060,000 ounces in the last 24 years. In addition, Elgin's portfolio includes a 35% interest in Auracle Resources, which is exploring the Mexican Hat property in Arizona, and an exclusive right and option to earn a 60% interest in Lincoln Mining's Oro Cruz (California) and La Bufa (Mexico) gold projects. Elgin Mining also selectively reviews opportunities to add advanced stage development projects to its portfolio. The company has a strong balance sheet, generates significant cash flow from gold sales, and remains un-hedged.

For further information, please visit Elgin Mining's web site at www.elginmining.com.

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