

Alberta Star Development Corp. Provides Corporate Update

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire) -- 10/15/12 -- [Alberta Star Development Corp.](#) (TSX VENTURE: ASX) (OTCBB: ASXSF) (FRANKFURT: QLD) is pleased to provide the following update on corporate development activity since the implementation of management and Board changes in July 2012. Since that time:

- Management has reviewed a number of advanced stage investment opportunities in the precious metals sector, taking advantage of the extensive experience of our new director, Tom Ogryzlo, in the financing, engineering, construction and operation of mining projects on a worldwide basis. His expertise and extensive database of contacts has proven invaluable in fast-tracking the due diligence process, with no definitive agreements having yet been reached.
- Oil and gas development opportunities have been considered, none of which have offered potential returns attractive enough to offset the level of risk involved.
- Production from our heavy oil properties in Alberta and Saskatchewan has averaged 108 barrels per day, net to our interest, for the first eight months of fiscal 2012.
- Revenue from our oil production has been negatively impacted this summer by the glut of oil in mid-continental North America due to increased production in North Dakota, Alberta and Texas and insufficient pipeline capacity to transport this oil south to major markets. This has resulted in Canadian oil being sold at a discount to the West Texas Intermediate ("WTI") benchmark crude oil price as rising production cannot find pipeline capacity. This discount to WTI has been even greater for heavy oil such as ours. In spite of the reduction in our net-back from the sale of our heavy oil, dramatic reductions in overhead have been made to enable us to maintain a strong working capital position of approximately \$5.5 million.
- Fixed general and administrative expenses were reduced to approximately \$36,000 a month in September 2012, a decrease of 62% over the same month a year prior.

"We have been encouraged by the quality of the precious metal development projects we have been able to review as a result of the current market malaise in the junior mining sector. While valuation continues to be a point of contention in negotiations, we will remain discerning and selective with a view to maximizing value for our shareholders while incurring minimum risk," states Stuart Rogers, Interim CEO and Director.

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