

Ridgemont Completes 11,713 Metres of Drilling at Lac Virot

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwire - Dec. 19, 2012) - [Ridgemont Iron Ore Corp.](#) (TSX VENTURE:RDG) (OTCQX:RIOOF) ("Ridgemont" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that the final set of assay results have been received from the 2012 drill program on its wholly-owned Lac Virot Iron Project, located in the southern Labrador Trough. Ridgemont is also pleased to announce the completion of its 2012 drill program. A total of 11,713 metres in 42 holes was drilled this year.

Highlights include:

Hole Number	From (m)	To (m)	Mineralized Interval (m)	Total Fe (%)	
LV-009	3.9		29.5	25.6	24.9
	and	135.4		144.0	8.6 27.6
LV-021	6.6		34.2	27.6	26.3
LV-024	17.4		53.5	36.1	26.3
	and	286.0		321.9	35.9 30.6
LV-025	117.0		138.0	21.0	30.2
	and	164.4		174.0	9.7 32.6
LV-028	110.0		117.3	7.3	29.4
	and	128.0		135.0	7.0 32.7
	and	146.9		176.8	29.9 31.4
	and	210.0		216.1	6.1 35.2
LV-033	16.9		33.3	16.4	27.4
	and	64.0		79.1	15.1 27.6

"We are pleased to have successfully completed our initial drill program at Lac Virot," stated Brian Penney, President and CEO of Ridgemont. "Now that we have received the final set of results, we will complete a full assessment of the property in order to plan the next phase of our exploration program."

The Lac Virot Iron Project is comprised of approximately 114 square kilometres of map staked mineral licenses located in the southern Labrador Trough, Canada's foremost iron ore mining region. Four major mines (Mont-Wright, Carol Lake, Scully and Bloom Lake) are located within 20 km of the project. The project is also within close proximity to a common carrier railway as well as a deep sea port which will provide year round access to the global market.

Complete assay highlights and a drill plan map are posted on the Ridgemont website at: <http://www.ridgemontiron.com/index.php/projects/lac-virot>.

True widths of the reported intercepts above vary depending on the angle of the individual drill holes and are estimated to be between 85% and 100% of the core interval as reported. All samples were prepared from sawn HQ-sized half-core sections on-site in Labrador. Split drill core samples have been sent to independent contractor SGS Minerals Services in Lakefield, ON for analysis. Total iron analysis is performed using X-ray fluorescence (XRF) and the magnetic component is determined by Satmagan magnetic analysis. FeO titration analysis permits an estimation of hematite. Standards, blanks, and duplicate assays are included at regular intervals in each sample batch submitted from the field as part of an ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Control program.

Further information on the Lac Virot Project can be found in the National Instrument (NI) 43-101 Technical Report titled "Technical Report on the Lac Virot Iron Ore Property, Labrador West, Newfoundland & Labrador" dated March 25, 2012 and filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

About Ridgemont

[Ridgemont](#) is a Canadian exploration company looking to acquire, explore and develop iron ore mineral

properties. Ridgemont has an option to acquire a 100% interest in the Lac Virot Iron Project located in the southern Labrador Trough and holds a 100% interest in the Maguse River Iron Project located in Nunavut.

Edward Lyons, P.Geo., the VP Exploration for Ridgemont and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this news release. Mr. Lyons has verified that the results were accurate from the official assay certificates provided to Ridgemont.

RIDGEMONT IRON ORE CORP.

On behalf of the Board

Mark J. Morabito
Executive Chairman

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