

Gil Leathley is appointed Chief Operating Officer of Sunward

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 6, 2013 /CNW/ - [Sunward Resources Ltd.](#) ("Sunward" or the "Company") (TSX: SWD) (OTCQX: SNWRF) announced today that Gil Leathley has been appointed to the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Company effective immediately. Mr. Leathley will be responsible for all technical and operating aspects related to the advancement of the Company's 100%-owned Titiribi project in Colombia. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Leathley served as a Senior Advisor to the CEO. He will also continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Leathley has more than 50 years of mining experience in the industry where he has been involved in all aspects of mine construction and operations around the world. Originally from Scotland, he trained as a Mine Surveyor and Industrial Engineer with the Scottish National Coal Board, working his way through coal and bauxite mines and eventually to gold and copper mining. Mr. Leathley was the driving force in overseeing the development of several major operating mines in Canada, Australia and South America including Golden Giant, Jolu, Eskay Creek, Santa Fe, Ruby Hill and Nickel Plate mines on behalf of Noranda Mining, International Corona Corporation and Homestake Mining Company where he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer before retiring in 2000. Most recently, he held the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NOVAGOLD Resources Inc., a precious metals company engaged in the exploration and development of mineral properties in North America. Mr. Leathley also serves on a number of Boards of North American mining and mineral exploration companies.

Chief Executive Officer Philip O'Neill commented: "Gil's wealth of experience in building and operating mines will be of immense value to Sunward as the Company continues to advance Titiribi's Cerro Vetaz project toward development and ultimately production. I am looking forward to working with Gil on establishing concrete options for a staged and cost-effective development of Titiribi, one of the most significant gold-copper districts in South America."

ABOUT SUNWARD:

[Sunward Resources](#) is a well-capitalized, Canadian-based company focused on the exploration and development of gold/copper porphyry projects in Colombia. The 100%-owned Titiribi Project is located approximately 70 kilometres southwest of the city of Medellin, Colombia, in Antioquia department, within the historical Titiribi mining district (estimated total production to date of 1.5 to 2 million ounces gold equivalent). Access is by paved highway from Medellin.

Titiribi currently hosts an NI 43-101 compliant Measured & Indicated Mineral Resource of 4.6 million ounces gold (within 275.4 million tonnes grading 0.52 grams per tonne gold and 0.17 per cent copper, using a 0.3 grams per tonne gold cut-off), along with an additional Inferred Mineral Resource of 6.4 million ounces gold (within 359.6 million tonnes grading 0.56 grams per tonne gold using a 0.3 grams per tonne gold cut-off; see Report dated June 2012 available at [www.sunwardresources.com](#) and on SEDAR).

Titiribi thus contains 6.28 million ounces of gold equivalent in the Measured & Indicated Resource categories and a further 7.51 million ounces of gold equivalent in the Inferred Resource category, calculated on the basis of gold price of \$1,114 per ounce and copper price of \$3.07 per pound (See Report dated September 2011 available at [www.sunwardresources.com](#) and on SEDAR.)

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This news release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation. All statements included herein, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking information. Forward-looking information may include, but is not limited to, statements with respect to future activities of the Company; the Company's plans for its mineral properties; the Company's business strategy, plans and outlook; the merit of the Company's properties; exploration results; mineral resource estimates; work plans and timelines; completion of transactions; shareholder value; projections and targets; the future financial or operating performance of the Company, its subsidiaries and its projects; operating and exploration expenditures and costs of future exploration and other activities; and approvals, permits and licenses. Often,

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Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company and/or its subsidiaries to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such uncertainties and factors include, among others, inherent risks involved in the exploration of mineral properties; risks associated with foreign operations; risk relating to title to the Company's properties; the uncertainties involved in resource estimates and in interpreting drilling results and other geological data; fluctuations in currency exchange rates and commodity prices; uncertainties regarding the issuance of approvals, licenses and permits; risks related to competition; risks related to the Company's ability to acquire additional mineral properties; the availability of and costs of required financing; economic, political and social uncertainties; accidents and labour disputes; and political instability, insurrection or war; as well as those factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Information Form. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.

Forward-looking statements contained herein are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management, including but not limited to that the Company's exploration of its properties and other activities will be in accordance with the Company's public statements and stated goals, that there will be no material adverse change affecting the Company or its properties, anticipated costs and timing for the Company's activities and such other assumptions as set out herein. Forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this news release and the Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by law. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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