Santa Barbara Resources Ltd. Updates Drilling Progress at the Sancos Project, Peru and Appoints New CFO

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Santa Barbara Resources Limited (TSX-V:SBL) ("Santa Barbara" or the "Company") is pleased to report that drilling at the Sancos project is progressing ahead of schedule and below budgeted cost. To date 17 reverse circulation drill holes have been completed, representing 3,960 m of the planned 5,000 m drill program currently in progress with our joint venture partner Rio Alto Mining Ltd.. Between 5 and 6 additional drill holes will test other targets within the Sancos Central zone. Assay results for all of these holes will be published when they become available.

Visual inspection of the drill chips has revealed the presence of long intersections of hydrothermal breccias, vuggy silica, massive silica and granular silica rock and alteration types characteristic of high sulphidation epithermal gold systems.

Appointment of New CFO

Santa Barbara also reports that Doris Meyer has notified the Company of her decision to retire as Chief Financial Officer with effect from October 8, 2013. Ms. Meyer has served in this role since the Company's inception in 2007. She will remain as Corporate Secretary.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Christoph Lassl, President and Chief Executive Officer of Santa Barbara, would like to thank Ms. Meyer for her significant contributions over the years as Chief Financial Officer and is pleased that she will remain on as Corporate Secretary.

Dan O'Brien has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. O'Brien is a Canadian Chartered Accountant and has been the Company's Controller since 2012. He was previously a senior manager at a leading Canadian accounting firm where he specialized in the audit of public companies in the mining and resource sector.

About the Company

Santa Barbara is a South American mineral explorer focusing on Peru and Chile. The Company has 25.3 million shares outstanding.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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Christoph Lassl, President and Chief Executive Officer

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