## Castle Mountain Adopts Shareholder Rights Plan and Updates By-Laws

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Dec 3, 2013) - <u>Castle Mountain Mining Company Ltd.</u> (TSX VENTURE:CMM): ("Castle Mountain Mining" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that its board of directors (the "Board") has approved the adoption of a shareholder rights plan agreement (the "Rights Plan"), entered into with Equity Financial Trust Company, as rights agent, effective December 3, 2013. In addition, the Board has approved amendments to the Company's by-laws to include an advance notice provision (the "Provision") which requires advance notice to the Company in circumstances where nominations of persons for election to the Board are made by shareholders of the Company other than pursuant to: (i) the requisition of a meeting, or (ii) a shareholder proposal, both made pursuant to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) (the "Act").

The Rights Plan is being adopted to provide adequate time for the Board and the Company's shareholders to assess any unsolicited take-over bid (a "Bid") which might be received, to provide the Board with sufficient time to explore and develop alternatives for maximizing shareholder value and to provide the Company's shareholders with an equal opportunity to participate in the Bid and protect them from unfair or coercive tactics. The Rights Plan is not being adopted as a result of any pending or suspected unsolicited Bid to acquire control of the Company.

The Rights Plan is intended to encourage any Bid to satisfy certain minimum standards designed to promote fairness. If a Bid fails to satisfy these minimum standards, the Rights Plan provides that holders of the Company's common shares, other than the bidder, will be able to purchase additional common shares at a substantial discount to the market price.

The Rights Plan has been conditionally approved by the TSX Venture Exchange and is subject to the ratification by the shareholders of the Corporation at its next annual and special meeting of shareholders.

With respect to the Provision, among other things, it fixes a deadline by which holders of record of common shares of the Company must submit director nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of shareholders and sets forth the information that a shareholder must include in the notice to the Company.

In the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, notice to the Company must be provided not less than 30 days nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is less than 50 days after the date on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice may be made not later than the close of business on the 10th day following such public announcement.

In the case of a special meeting of shareholders (which is not also an annual meeting), notice to the Company must be provided no later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting was made.

The Company believes that adopting the Provision is considered to be good corporate governance. The Provision provides a clear process for shareholders to follow for director nominations and sets out a reasonable time frame for nominee submissions and the provision of accompanying information. The purpose of the Provision is to treat all shareholders fairly by ensuring that all shareholders receive adequate notice of the nominations to be considered at a meeting and can thereby exercise their voting rights in an informed manner. In addition, the Provision should assist in facilitating an orderly and efficient meeting process.

The amended by-laws, which include the Provision, are effective as of the date they were approved by the

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Board of Directors, being December 3, 2013. In accordance with the Act, the amendments to the Company's by-laws are subject to confirmation by shareholders at its next annual meeting of shareholders.

A copy of the Rights Plan and the amended by-laws, which contain the full text of the Provision, will be available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on Castle Mountain Mining's website.

## **About Castle Mountain Mining Company**

Subject to certain obligations, Castle Mountain has 100% of the right, title and beneficial interest in and to the Castle Mountain Venture, a California general partnership, which owns the Castle Mountain property in San Bernardino County, California. The Castle Mountain heap leach gold mine produced over one million ounces of gold from 1992 to 2001, when mining was suspended due to low gold prices.

The Castle Mountain venture land holdings (7,458 acres total) include patented claims (1,298 acres), and unpatented claims (3,209 acres), covering approximately 4,507 acres, plus additional leased claims of approximately 2,951 acres. In June 2013 the Company completed the Phase 1 drill program which tested several exploration targets at various locations on the property. These drill results were disclosed in press releases dated June 20, 2013 and July 16, 2013. On November 21, 2013, the Company announced its maiden NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate which included an indicated resource of 3.15 million ounces of gold and an inferred resource of 1.06 million ounces of gold. The press releases are available at the Company's website at <a href="https://www.castlemountainmining.com">www.castlemountainmining.com</a>. Castle Mountain Mining expects to start a Phase 2 program at the property in early 2014, subject to financing.

<u>Castle Mountain Mining Company Ltd.</u>, through its wholly owned subsidiaries including Castle Mountain Venture, is focused on the exploration and, if warranted, development of deposits in San Bernardino County, California. The principal gold mineralization identified to date within the Project are below and surrounding the historically mined pits on the property including the Oro Belle-Hart Tunnel, Jumbo, and Lesley Anne-Jumbo South Pits, as well as in the South Domes area.

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## Forward-Looking Statements

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commercially reasonable terms and the expected use of proceeds; operations and contractual obligations; changes in exploration programs based upon results of exploration; future prices of metals; availability of third party contractors; availability of equipment; failure of equipment to operate as anticipated; accidents, effects of weather and other natural phenomena and other risks associated with the mineral exploration industry; environmental risks, including environmental matters under U.S. federal and California rules and regulations; impact of environmental remediation requirements and the terms of existing and potential consent decrees on the Company's planned exploration on the Castle Mountain Project; certainty of mineral title; community relations; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing; fluctuations in mineral prices; the Company's dependence on one mineral project; the nature of mineral exploration and mining and the uncertain commercial viability of certain mineral deposits; the Company's lack of operating revenues; governmental regulations and the ability to obtain necessary licenses and permits; risks related to mineral properties being subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers or claims and other defects in title; currency fluctuations; changes in environmental laws and regulations and changes in the application of standards pursuant to existing laws and regulations which may increase costs of doing business and restrict operations; risks related to dependence on key personnel; and estimates used in financial statements proving to be incorrect; as well as those factors discussed in the Company's public disclosure record. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could affect the Company and may cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in Forward-Looking Information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that Forward-Looking Information 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 Information. Except as required by law, the Company does not assume any obligation to release publicly any revisions to Forward-Looking Information contained in this news release to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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