Excellon Resources Inc.: Fatal accident at Excellon's Platosa Mine

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TORONTO, Jan. 10, 2014 /CNW/ - Excellon Resources Inc. (TSX:EXN; OTC:EXLLF) ("Excellon" or the "Company") announces with great regret and sorrow that two employees were fatally injured by an electrical shock yesterday evening during routine operation of an underground pump in the Platosa Mine in Durango, Mexico. Mine rescue workers were dispatched immediately and the injured employees were removed from the mine. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of the responders, they were later pronounced dead at the hospital. The families of the workers were notified and the Company is ensuring that they receive all possible support.

"This is a devastating loss and our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends and co-workers of these employees," stated Brendan Cahill, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Both employees were well-trained and experienced, and words cannot express how deep our sorrow is at their loss. Our efforts are focused on supporting the families and our employees at La Platosa, and on investigating the incident to understand exactly what occurred last night."

Three other employees were injured on scene and are in stable condition at the local hospital. They will remain at the hospital for the next three days for observation and support during their recovery.

All underground operations, except essential services, have been paused by the Company for a safety review. The incident scene has been secured and is under investigation by inspectors from the Secretaría del Trabajo y Previsión Social Protección Civil. Excellon management, the joint health and safety team and the Sindicato Nacional Minero Metalúrgico Napoleón Gómez Sada (the "Platosa Union") are cooperating fully with this immediate investigation.

"The health and safety of our people is the foundation of our business. While we cannot entirely eliminate risk, we are focused on doing everything possible to prevent similar tragic incidents from ever happening again," stated Mr. Cahill.

A team of senior and experienced experts from Excellon and the Platosa Union has been assembled to investigate the chronology of events, determine what occurred and develop an action plan to prevent similar incidents from occurring again. The Company thanks its employees for their rapid response and continued efforts to support the families and fully investigate the incident.

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