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Drilling below the Benoist deposit follows up on 2012 results

Val-d'Or, January 17, 2013 - Cartier Resources Inc. (TSX-V: ECR) ("Cartier") announces that a drill program is currently underway on the Benoist property.

The drilling objective is to intersect, at a vertical depth between 400 m and 600 m, the extension of the Pusticamica gold deposit and the extensions of the new gold zone discovered in 2012 (see <u>figure</u>). The work, consisting of 6 drill holes totalling 4,200 m, will be completed in late March 2013.

In 1993, Minnova calculated historical resources for the Pusticamica gold deposit (*Murgor Resources press release of January 17, 2012*). The <u>set of sections for this deposit</u> illustrate the potential for increasing the volume of mineralization at depth. The new 2012 gold zone is positioned 450 m below the Pusticamica deposit. It consists of high gold grades up to 24.5 g/t Au over 3.0 m, enclosed within a gold-bearing envelope with drilled grades on the order of one gram of gold over intervals of more than 100 m.

"The discovery of the new 2012 gold zone below the Pusticamica gold deposit suggests that the deposit's mineralization continues at depth", commented Philippe Cloutier, President and CEO.

The Benoist property is 65 km northeast of the town of Lebel-sur-Quévillon, 25 km from the Bachelor gold mine in Desmaraisville, and 25 km from the Gonzague-Langlois zinc-copper mine belonging to Nyrstar.

About Cartier

The company's objective is to develop and maintain a balanced portfolio of mining projects ranging from exploration to resource definition, development and production. Its VISION is to develop the company's current and future assets into mineral production within a timeframe that is consistent with its human and financial resources while respecting sustainable development practices.

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The scientific and/or technical information presented in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Philippe Berthelot, P.Geo., Senior Geologist-Exploration for Cartier. Mr. Berthelot is a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

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