

Mandalay Resources Corporation Provides Update on Public Protests in the Aysen Province and Resumption of Operations

TORONTO, ON, March 9, 2012 -- Mandalay Resources Corporation ("Mandalay" or the "Company") (TSX: MND, MND.WT) has resumed operations at its Cerro Bayo project, which were stalled when public protests in the Aysen Province blocked the road to the mine and port, as described in the Company's February 24, 2012 news release.

Normal operations at Cerro Bayo resumed Thursday morning after the protestors removed the blockade, allowing supplies in and out of the mine, as they began negotiations with the local government. The Company is working towards returning to normal production levels and proceeding with its overall ramp up plans for the project. The disruption caused by the protests has had a minimal impact on production and will not affect annual production or financial guidance numbers.

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About Mandalay Resources Corporation

Mandalay Resources is a Canadian-based natural resource company with producing assets in Australia and producing and exploration projects in Chile. The Company is focused on executing a roll-up strategy, creating critical mass by aggregating advanced or in-production gold, copper, silver and antimony projects in Australia and the Americas to generate near-term cash flow and shareholder value.

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