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# **Monument's 2012 Third Quarter Results**

### Gross Revenue of \$12.4 M from 7,301 Oz Gold Sales at Cash Cost \$303/Oz

Vancouver, B.C. Monument Mining Limited (TSX-V: MMY and FSE: D7Q1) "Monument" or the "Company" today announces its third quarter financial results for the period ended March 31, 2012. All amounts are in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated (refer to <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> for Q3 full financial results).

## Third Quarter Highlights include:

- ✓ Gold production of 10,676 ounces at an average cash cost of \$303 per ounce;
- ✓ Revenue of \$12.4 million generated from gold sales of 7,301 ounces;
- ✓ The average realized price per ounce of gold sold was \$1,698 compared to \$1,404 for the corresponding quarter in the previous fiscal year, an increase of 21%;
- ✓ Net operating income of \$8.4 million or \$0.04 per share compared to \$10.3 million or \$0.06 per share for the same quarter in fiscal 2011;
- ✓ In February Monument closed its acquisition of a 70% interest in the Mengapur Polymetalic Project located in Pahang State, Malaysia. The Acquisition was closed using the Company's cash on hand.

President and CEO Robert Baldock stated "The closing of the Mengapur Project acquisition indicates that the Company has commenced a new exiting stage of development in order to increase shareholders' value. While gold production continues providing working capital for operations at the Selinsing gold mine and supports the initiate drilling programs and geological studies on the Mengapur Project, the Company is working on enhancement of its management team and closing of the \$70 million private placement to fund significant development of the Mengapur Project."

#### **Production and Statistics**

	Year ended	Year ended	Three months ended	Three months ended	Three months ended	Nine months ended
	Jun 30, 2010	Jun 30, 2011	Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	Mar 31, 2012	Mar 31, 2012
Mining						
Ore mined (tonnes)	662,330	740,909	124,736	128,557	140,168	393,461
Waste removed (tonnes)	2,326,502	2,707,598	719,080	686,995	744,914	2,150,989
Stripping ratio	3.51	3.65	5.76	5.34	5.31	5.47
Ore stockpiled (tonnes)	387,545	773,432	813,175	859,011	915,347	915,347
Processing						
Crushed ore (tonnes)	274,786	355,021	84,993	82,722	83,833	251,548
Ore processed (tonnes)	272,120	351,999	86,343	84,182	83,447	253,972
Average mill feed grade (g/t)	3.08	4.31	4.53	5.25	3.37	4.40
Processing recovery rate	58.7%	92.9%	95.1%	95.3%	93.3%	94.7%

#### **Financial Results**

	Year ended Jun 30, 2010	Year ended Jun 30, 2011	Three months ended Sep 30, 2011	Three months ended Dec 31, 2011	Three months ended Mar 31, 2012	Nine months ended Mar 31, 2012
Gold produced (oz)	13,793	44,438	11,846	11,736	10,676	34,258
Gold sold (oz)	13,793	40,438	8,372	12,765	7,301	28,438
Revenue, (\$000)	\$16,316	\$56,627	\$14,430	\$21,084	\$12,394	\$47,908
Average realized gold price (\$/oz)	\$1,183	\$1,400	\$1,724	\$1,652	\$1,698	\$1,685
Total cash cost (\$/oz)	216	242	297	307	303	303
Net operating income (loss), (\$000)						
or Income (loss) before other items	\$(2,635)	\$35,457	\$9,925	\$14,780	\$8,430	\$33,135
Earnings per share (EPS) - basic	\$(0.02)	\$0.21	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.04	\$0.18
Net income (loss), (\$000)	\$(3,035)	\$32,392	\$11,176	\$26,709	\$8,116	\$46,001
EPS, basic	\$(0.02)	\$0.19	\$0.06	\$0.15	\$0.04	\$0.25
EPS, diluted	\$(0.02)	\$0.18	\$0.06	\$0.14	\$0.04	\$0.24

The third quarter financial results show an increase in ore stockpiled to 915,347 tonnes from 859,011 tonnes at the end of the second quarter (December 31, 2011). The lower gold production was mainly due to the lower mill feed grade and consequently a lower processing recovery rate. The production is expected to pick up in the fourth quarter when the new primary ball mill is commissioned and placed in use.

For the third quarter of fiscal 2012, the gold production from the Selinsing Gold Project generated an income of \$8,430,279 net of operating and corporate expenses, or \$0.04 per share, a decrease of \$1,865,755 or \$0.01 per share compared to \$10,296,034 or \$0.06 per share in the corresponding period in fiscal 2011. The unfavorable results were mainly due to less ounces of gold sold partially offset by higher gold price.

#### **Development**

The Phase III gold plant expansion construction at the Selinsing Gold Mine is approximately 83% complete on schedule as of March 31, 2012, and is progressing as planned targeting completion by June 2012.

During the nine month period ended March 31 2012, exploration at those gold mineral properties has produced a total of 8,356 drill metres, of which 4,566 drill metres were attributed to the third quarter. The faster drilling progress in the third quarter reflected an increased productivity from the in-house drill team as a result of coaching programs provided to the drillers in the past half a year. The drilling program is aimed to convert the current inferred gold resources at Selinsing and Buffalo Reef to NI 43-101 compliant measured and indicated resource and increases the total resources on those properties to support sustainable gold production.

On February 21, 2012, upon receipt of the TSX-V acceptance, the Company announced that it has closed the acquisition of a 70% interest in the Mengapur Polymetalic Project located in Pahang State, Malaysia; the private placement of up to CAD\$70 million for the Mengapur Project development is currently pending the acceptance of the TSX-V and has also been successfully negotiated at more favorable terms at a price of CAD\$0.50 cents per unit with each unit comprising a share and a half share purchase warrant, each full warrant being convertible into a full share at an exercise price of CAD\$0.70 within three years of closing. All of the shares and warrants will be subject to a hold period of three years.

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