

News Release

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Cerro Grande Mining Corporation Announces Settlement Agreement with the Labor Union at Pimenton

Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Cerro Grande Mining Corporation (the “Company” or “CEG”) (TSX-CEG; OTCQX-CEGMF) reported today that it has reached a Settlement Agreement with the union and non-union workers at the Pimenton mine which includes the immediate issuance of up to 735,000 Bonus Shares from its Stock Option Plan and up to an additional 1,000,000 Bonus Shares or a total of approximately US \$831,250 or the equivalent of \$3,079 per miner and worker in Bonus Shares, subject to shareholders approval of amendments to the Company’s Stock Option Plan to be voted on at its Annual and Special meeting of shareholders to be held on March 27, 2012.

In granting the Bonus Shares to the 270 miners and workers at Pimenton, the Company was successful in avoiding a strike at the Pimenton mine and in obtaining a 4 year labor agreement with the union. The agreement also has the significant benefit of providing an equity incentive to the miners at Pimenton who elect to hold their shares in the Company for the long term.

The Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors and Management of the Company considered the settlement agreement with the union and non-union members at Pimenton and concluded that it was in the best interest of the Company.

Cerro Grande Mining Corporation is a minerals producing, exploration and development company with properties and activities currently focused in Chile.

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