



LIONS GATE METALS INC. APPOINTS PAUL SARJEANT PRESIDENT AND CEO

Vancouver, BC Canada, January 6, 2012 – Lions Gate Metals Inc. (TSX-V: LGM) (“Lions Gate” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, Paul Sarjeant, P. Geo., will be joining the Company in the role of CEO and President. The Company has entered into a Consulting Agreement with Mr. Sarjeant’s wholly-owned Company, Doublewood Consulting Inc. (“Doublewood”). The Company has granted to Doublewood an incentive stock option representing the right to purchase up to 150,000 common shares of the Company, exercisable in whole or in part on or before January 5, 2017 at a price of \$0.80 per share.

Lions Gate Chairman Arni Johannson stated “We are extremely pleased that a seasoned executive of Paul’s caliber has agreed to join Lions Gate. It is a step as we move the Company forward developing our exciting portfolio of base metal assets. Paul will focus on leading our geological team and ensuring that the Lions Gate story is communicated to the investment community.”

Mr. Sarjeant, P.Geo., has extensive exploration, project development and acquisition experience both in Canada and internationally and has developed a strong background in company management through various management and consulting positions with a number of private and publicly traded resource companies. After graduating B.Sc. Honours, Geological Sciences from Queen's University in 1983, Mr. Sarjeant began his career with Echo Bay Mines Ltd working on various projects in northern Canada, including the Lupin Mine and skarn projects in British Columbia and Ecuador. He ascended to Senior Geologist, International Exploration Group, responsible for project evaluation outside of North America, including precious and base metals projects in South America, East Africa, South East Asia, Russia, Mongolia, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. From 1993 until 1996, he was President and CEO of Auric Resources - a precious metals exploration company focused on Peru. From 1999 to 2006, Mr. Sarjeant operated a successful securities business focused on strategic planning and investment analysis giving him unique insight into the needs of institutional and retail broker investment communities. In 2007, Mr. Sarjeant took on the role of President and CEO of Grandview Gold and currently serves as a director on a number of public and private companies.

Arni Johannson has resigned as CEO and will continue in the role of Executive Chairman. Blair McIntyre has resigned as President and will assume the role of Vice President Operations.

2011 Milestones:

- Completed a National Instrument 43-101 compliant resource calculation for Poplar.
- Completed over 16,000 metres of drilling at costs below \$200 per metre at Poplar.
- Filed an Annual Information Form (“AIF”) which will enhance capital market access.
- Negotiated Option to earn 75% of ROK-Coyote.
- Completed preliminary exploration at ROK-Coyote, Poplar Regional and Hudson Bay Mountain.
- Staked additional claims to the south west of Poplar Project.

2012 Goals:

- Publish an updated National Instrument 43-101 Resource Estimate for Poplar.
- Continue drilling to expand and enhance the Poplar Project.
- Continue exploration of Poplar Regional to include geophysics and drill targets.
- Drill target identification and possible drilling at ROK-Coyote.

About Lions Gate Metals

Lions Gate is a Canadian based, junior resource company focused on the exploration, development, and acquisition of Copper projects. Lions Gate owns five substantial projects in British Columbia. The 100% owned flagship project is the Poplar porphyry copper - gold deposit near Houston, BC. Located approximately 35 kilometres southwest of the Poplar Deposit is Imperial Metals' Huckleberry Mine which produces copper and molybdenum from a deposit of similar age and setting. In 2011, LGM optioned the right to acquire 75% of the ROK-Coyote project near Iskut, BC which sits adjacent to Imperial Metals' Red Chris Project. These two projects are the main focus of the 2012 Exploration Program.

Sincerely on behalf of the Board of Directors,

"Arni Johannson"

Arni Johannson
Chairman of the Board, Lions Gate Metals Inc.

For further information on the Company and its projects please visit our web site at www.LionsGateMetals.com or contact us at:

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