



LIONS GATE METALS

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## **Lions Gate Metals Announces Proposed Shareholder Rights Plan, Appoints Corporate Secretary**

Vancouver, BC Canada, April 17, 2012 – Lions Gate Metals Inc. (TSX-V: LGM) (“Lions Gate” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the Board has adopted a Shareholder Rights Plan Agreement (the “Rights Plan”) as summarized below. At the Annual and Special Meeting, the shareholders will be asked to consider an ordinary resolution confirming and ratifying the Rights Plan. The Rights Plan will terminate unless the shareholders vote at the Meeting to confirm its operation.

The Rights Plan has the following objectives: (a) to prevent creeping acquisitions of control; (b) to give adequate time for the Board and shareholders to properly assess a take-over bid without undue pressure; (c) to provide the Board and shareholders adequate time to consider the value of all assets of the Company and for the Company to undertake a value recognition program if necessary to demonstrate the value of one or more assets; (d) to provide the Board time to consider value-enhancing alternatives to a take-over bid and to possibly allow competing bids to emerge; and (e) to ensure that shareholders of the Company are provided equal treatment under a take-over bid. The Rights Plan is not intended to prevent take-over bids that treat shareholders fairly and has not been adopted in response to any proposal to acquire control of the Company.

The Company also announces that Christina Boddy has joined Lions Gate as Corporate Secretary, replacing Marion McGrath. Ms. Boddy is a member of the Canadian Society of Corporate Secretaries and has worked with several public and privately-held companies across varied industries. Lions Gate wishes to thank Ms. McGrath for her contributions to the Company over the past two years.

### **About Lions Gate Metals**

Lions Gate Metals is a Canadian based, junior resource company focused on the exploration, development, and acquisition of copper and copper-focused multi-mineral projects. The Company boasts one of the largest consolidated property portfolios of any Canadian junior resource company, including the 77,705 hectare Poplar copper-gold-silver porphyry property located 35km northeast of the Huckleberry mine operated by Imperial Metals Corp (proven/probable 39.7 million tonnes grading 0.343% copper: aggregate production to Dec 31, 2010 approximately 870.0 million pounds copper, 8.0 million pounds molybdenum, 105,000 ounces gold and 3.4 million ounces silver) in west-central British Columbia, and the 6,900 hectare ROK-Coyote copper-gold porphyry property contiguous with Imperial Metal’s Red Chris copper-gold project in northwestern British Columbia. Poplar and ROK-Coyote are the primary focus of the 2012 Exploration Program.

### **About Poplar**

Lions Gate Metals Inc. has a 100% interest in the 77,705 hectare, 196 claim Poplar Copper-Gold-Silver Porphyry Property located in western-central British Columbia, Canada, approximately 35 kilometres northeast of the Huckleberry copper-molybdenum mine, between Huckleberry and the mining resource town of Houston. The Huckleberry Mine is operated by the Imperial Metals led consortium named Huckleberry Mines Ltd. The Poplar

Deposit on the Property has an NI 43-101 compliant Indicated Resource of 171.3 million tonnes grading 0.28% Cu, 0.008% Mo, 0.08 g/t Au and 2.30 g/t Ag (0.40% CuEq), plus an Inferred Resource of 209.0 million tonnes grading 0.23% Cu, 0.004% Mo, 0.06 g/t Au and 3.62 g/t Ag (0.33% CuEq). Additional diamond drilling is planned to further define and upgrade this resource. Near-surface mineralization and significant gold and silver presence are Poplar Deposit highlights. Eight other regional copper-gold porphyry targets have been identified on the Property.

#### About ROK Coyote

Lions Gate Metals Inc. is earning into a 75% interest in the 6,900 hectare, 19 claim ROK-Coyote copper-gold project adjacent to Imperial Metals' Red Chris project. The Company considers ROK Coyote to be one of BC's most highly prospective copper-gold alkalic porphyry targets amenable to pit and bulk underground mining.

Andrew Gourlay P. Geol., Vice President Exploration is a 'Qualified Person' under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

Sincerely on behalf of the Board of Directors,  
"Arni Johannson"

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Chairman, Lions Gate Metals Inc.

For further information on the Company and its projects please visit the web site at [www.lionsgatemetals.com](http://www.lionsgatemetals.com) or contact CEO and President Paul Sarjeant at 604.683.7588

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