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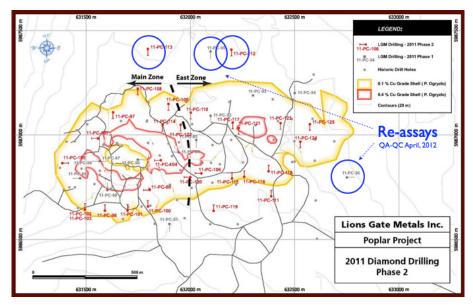
Lions Gate Metals Inc. confirms increased grade at Poplar Silver Zone; Re-assay of silver anomalies indicate significant added-value in 34 target areas outside the NI43-101 Mineral Resource area.

Vancouver, BC Canada, May 3, 2012 – Lions Gate Metals Inc. (TSX-V: LGM) ("Lions Gate" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that, as part of the Company's ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Control Program ("the Program"), a three metre sample of Hole 11-PC-113 was re-assayed, returning a 53% increase in silver grade over the entire 75.15 metre length of the hole. Silver grade increased from 200 g/t Ag to 308 g/t Ag, elevating overall silver values from 11.71 g/t Ag to 17.89 g/t Ag, and copper equivalent values from 0.15% to 0.22%. Hole 11-PC-113 is located in the Silver Zone, approximately 180 metres north of the Poplar Main Zone and East Zone Mineral Resource areas.

"A total of 34 EM conductors within and around copper porphyry targets, often associated with silver mineralization, were identified from the 2010 airborne magnetic and electromagnetic survey report that covered the Poplar project area," says Lions Gate President & CEO Paul Sarjeant. "Survey results associated with these holes indicate that, other EM targets near the Poplar Main and East zones may host similar high grade silver mineralization. Further testing is planned to determine how we might expand the resource and/or improve the economics of the ultimate, potential pit."

| Hole No.  | From (m) | To (m) | Length (m) | Cu (%) | Au (g/t) | Mo (%) | Ag (g/t) | CuEq (%) | Comments                          |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
|           |          |        |            |        |          |        |          |          |                                   |
| 11-PC-113 | 51.95    | 127.10 | 75.15      | 0.02   | 0.01     | 0.00   | 11.71    | 0.15     | Results released January 30, 2012 |
| incl      | 92.00    | 95.00  | 3.00       | 0.06   | 0.008    | 0      | 308.00   | 9.18     | Interval Re-Assayed April, 2012   |
|           | 51.95    | 127.10 | 75.15      | 0.02   | 0.01     | 0.00   | 17.89    | 0.22     | Revised totals                    |
| 11-PC-112 | 18.27    | 130.15 | 111.88     | 0.06   | 0.03     | 0.001  | 2.20     | 0.10     | Results released January 30, 2012 |
| incl      | 98.4     | 130.15 | 31.75      | 0.14   | 0.07     | 0.003  | 5.04     | 0.25     | Interval Re-Assayed April, 2012   |
| 11-PC-96  | 11.28    | 300.89 | 289.61     | 0.01   | 0.01     | 0.018  | 1.15     | 0.04     | Results released May 11, 2011     |
| incl      | 230.11   | 252.19 | 22.08      | 0.06   | 0.03     | 0.001  | 9.40     | 0.18     | Interval Re-Assayed April, 2012   |
| incl      | 245.11   | 252.19 | 7.08       | 0.07   | 0.04     | 0.001  | 22.04    | 0.30     | Interval Re-Assayed April, 2012   |
| 11-PC-95  | 28.35    | 599.54 | 571.19     | 0.07   | 0.02     | 0.005  | 3.11     | 0.12     | Results released May 11, 2011     |
| incl      | 28.35    | 93.38  | 65.03      | 0.01   | 0.01     | 0.001  | 10.1     | 0.13     | Interval Re-Assayed April, 2012   |

QA-QC Program Re-assay Highlights



The relationship of the Silver Zone to the Main and East Zones of the Poplar deposit is still under investigation with additional drilling planned for this area, during the 2012 exploration season.

Some of the conductors and the drill holes were located within the limits of optimized pit shells currently under evaluation (see drilling location map for hole locations).

Induced Polarization Surveys are being planned to cover some of the targets, both for precious metal and for base metal exploration.

## Copper Equivalent (CuEq)

Calculations were based on equivalency factors of CuEq% = Cu% x 1, Au (CuEq%) = Au g/t x 0.57291667, Ag (CuEq%) = Ag g/t x 0.01041667, and metal prices of Cu \$2.80/lb, Mo \$16.00/lb, Au \$1100/troy oz., Ag \$20/troy oz. The equivalency factor for molybdenum is Mo (CuEq%) = Mo% x 5.71428571. Metal recoveries are not used, as metallurgical studies are incomplete.

## About the Poplar Property

Lions Gate Metals Inc. has a 100% interest in the 77,705 hectare, 196 claim <u>Poplar Copper-Gold-Silver</u> <u>Porphyry Property</u> 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 <u>Huckleberry Mine</u> 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 content 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 which has reported, measured and indicated reserves of 936.2 million tones at 0.37% Cu and 0.38 g/t Au, plus inferred resources of 871.1 million tonnes grading 0.31% Cu and 0.35 g/t Au. 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.

About Lions Gate Metals

Lions Gate Metals Inc. 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 <u>Huckleberry</u> <u>Mine</u> 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 Metals' Red Chris copper-gold project in northwestern British Columbia. Poplar and ROK-Coyote are the primary focus of the 2012 Exploration Program.

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

For further information on the Company and its projects please visit the web site at www.lionsgatemetals.com or call CEO and President Paul Sarjeant at 604.683.7588

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