

# Rockex Mining Corporation

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## ROCKEX MINING CORPORATION ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF FIRST TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

**December 23, 2011** – Rockex Mining Corporation (“**Rockex**” or the “**Corporation**”) (TSX: **RXM**) is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement of 240,000 units (each a “**Unit**”) at \$0.45 per Unit and 660,000 flow-through common shares (each a “**Flow-Through Share**”) at \$0.50 per Flow-Through Share (the “**Private Placement**”) in escrow today.

An aggregate of 240,000 Units and 660,000 Flow-Through Shares were sold in the first tranche today to accredited investors or persons otherwise entitled to rely on prospectus exemptions under applicable securities laws for gross proceeds of \$438,000. Each Unit is comprised of one common share of the Corporation (each a “**Common Share**”) and one transferable Common Share purchase warrant (each a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share at a price of \$0.60 per share at any time within 18 months after the issuance of the Units, provided that if the average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for a period of 20 consecutive business days (following the expiry of the 4-month “hold period”) is greater than \$1.00 per share, the Warrants will expire unless they are exercised within thirty (30) days (or such longer period of time as the Corporation may provide) after the Corporation gives notice by issuing a press release and depositing a notice in the mail to each warrant holder to accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to the date set out in such press release and notice sent by mail. Each Flow-Through Share is a Common Share issued on a “flow-through” basis in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “**Tax Act**”).

The proceeds received by the Corporation from the sale of the Units will be used for working capital purposes. The gross proceeds received by the Corporation from the sale of the Flow-Through Shares will be used for exploration work on its properties in Ontario, Canada to incur (and the Corporation will renounce in favour of the purchasers of the Flow-Through Shares) expenses that will qualify as one or more kinds of expenses described in the definition of “Canadian exploration expense” in subsection 66.1(6) of the Tax Act (other than expenses which constitute “Canadian exploration and development overhead expenses” or “specific expenses for seismic data” for the purposes of the ITA).

Upon closing of the first tranche of the Private Placement, Rockex paid finder’s fees to persons qualified under applicable securities legislation to receive finder’s fees at a rate of 8% in cash, for a total of \$24,000, and 10% in non-transferable finder options, for a total of 60,000 finder options (each finder option entitling the finder to purchase one Common Share for \$0.60 within 18 months after closing).

All of the securities issued pursuant to this Private Placement are subject to a four (4) month hold period.

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### About Rockex Mining Corporation

Rockex, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Rockex Limited, is a mineral exploration company based in Thunder Bay, Ontario focused on discovering and developing significant iron resources in Northwestern Ontario, Canada. Rockex Limited has a 100% direct interest in the Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project, consisting of 23 contiguous mining claims covering a nominal area of approximately 5,392 hectares located approximately 100 kilometres northeast of Sioux Lookout and 80 kilometres south-southwest of Pickle Lake. In February 2011, Rockex Limited received a National Instrument (“NI”) 43-101 Mineral Resources Estimate

(the "Mineral Resources") for its Eagle Island deposit (the "Eagle Island Deposit") in its 100%-owned Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project concluding that at an 18% Soluble Iron cut-off grade, there are Indicated Mineral Resources of 590,847,000 tonnes grading 28.84% Fe and Inferred Mineral Resources of 415,757,000 tonnes grading 29.47% Fe in the Eagle Island Deposit (see *press release dated February 3, 2011*). In addition, Rockex Limited holds a 100% interest in three other iron projects in relative close proximity to Rockex Limited's Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project: (i) East Soules Bay, a property consisting of 9 contiguous mining claims (1,408 hectares) and another mining claim (128 hectares) near the eastern end of Lake St. Joseph, approximately 40 kilometres east of Rockex' Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project, (ii) the Doran Lake Property consisting of 4 contiguous mining claims (832 hectares) in and along the north shore of Doran Lake, south of Lake St. Joseph, approximately midway between the Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project and the East Soules Bay Project and (iii) the Root Lake Property, a property consisting of 6 contiguous claims (1,408 hectares), near the western end of Lake St. Joseph. Following closing of this first tranche of the Private Placement, Rockex has 46,532,140 Common Shares issued and outstanding. .

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