



News Release:

Patriot Minefinders Appoints Mr. John LaGourgue to Board of Directors

Announcement Highlights:

- **American citizen with international experience in the natural resource space including gold and silver exploration**
- **Fortune 100 experience at a national level**
- **Appointment comes during period of growth for Patriot**

Vancouver, B.C., January 25, 2013 - Patriot Minefinders Inc. ("Patriot", or the "Company") (OTCBB: PROF).

Patriot Minefinders ("Patriot") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John LaGourgue to the company's Board of Directors, effective Jan 22, 2013. Patriot's current board of directors is comprised of Fred Tejada, Fred Sveinson, John Schweitzer, Justin Blanchet, Michael Hofer, Perparim Alikaj and John LaGourgue.

Mr. LaGourgue is an experienced businessman in the natural resource industry with experience both internationally and in North America.

Mr. LaGourgue's past experience includes leadership roles in the oil and gas industry and as the Chief Executive Officer of a Canadian based gold and silver exploration company. Mr. LaGourgue has Board experience on public companies in both the United States and Canada. In addition to his work in the gold, silver, and oil and gas sectors, his Fortune 100 experience includes a previous national management position at EMC Corporation. Mr. LaGourgue is an American citizen and graduated from the University of Hawaii, with a Bachelor's degree in Finance, with Honors.

Mr. LaGourgue's appointment comes as the company pursues an active path of advancing its business plan to become a major silver and gold exploration company in a historically prolific mining region of Mexico. Patriot's focus is on the KM 66 project that includes a silver-gold deposit with historic resource (N1 43-101 report prepared in 2008) located in the mining friendly and prolific silver belt in the state of Durango, Mexico.

In 2013 Patriot plans to update the historic resource at KM 66 to current NI 43-101 standards and carry out a preliminary economic assessment to determine the potential economics of the project, in addition to drilling in the resource area to expand the resource base and exploration drilling elsewhere on the 13,400 hectare property. The work program in 2013 will be managed by Bearing Resources Ltd., the company's partner on the project. Under the terms of the LOI (see press release November 28, 2012) Patriot has the option to earn up to a 75% interest on the project. Bearing has significant experience in the area and has a technical team on



the ground which makes this arrangement beneficial to Patriot at this stage of work.

About Patriot Minefinders Inc.

Patriot is operated by a management team consisting of individuals with a track record of success in mining exploration, development and production. Patriot is an exploration company focused on the development of gold and silver deposits in the known mining districts of Mexico. The execution of a Definitive Agreement on the KM 66 Project with Bearing Resources Ltd. will turn Patriot into a major explorer in the prolific silver-gold belt of Central Mexico. Patriot trades under the symbol PROF.

Fred Tejada, P.Geol, Director of Patriot, is a qualified person within the context of National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and takes responsibility for the technical content of this news release.

On behalf of the Board

"John H. Schweitzer"

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