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Northern Vertex Announces Mr. Colin McKenzie Appointed General Manager of Exploration

Vancouver, B.C. - Northern Vertex Mining Corp. (TSX.V: NEE) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that Mr. Colin McKenzie, P.Geol., has been appointed General Manager of Exploration for the Company, effective immediately.

Mr. McKenzie is a respected exploration professional with over 30 years` senior level experience on major exploration and business development projects in Canada and internationally. Most recently, he was Chief Operating Officer with PNG Gold Corporation, with focus on a gold exploration project in Papua New Guinea. Prior to that, he was President and CEO of Cornerstone Resources, an exploration company with projects in Canada and Ecuador, Vice President Exploration for Skye Resources where he led the evaluation and development of world class nickel laterite projects in Guatemala and was Director of Exploration for Inco Ltd. with responsibility for exploration and new business opportunities in Latin America. He also served as Vice President Exploration for Voisey’s Bay Nickel, managing the exploration and resource evaluation of the Voisey’s Bay deposits and was credited with the discovery of the Hope Brook gold deposit while working in a senior level exploration position with BP Mining. Mr. McKenzie is a graduate of Dalhousie University with B.CS (Honors) and M.Sc. degrees in Geology.

As General Manager of Exploration, Mr. McKenzie joins Northern Vertex’s Management Team including Mr. Dick Whittington, President and CEO, Mr. Ken Berry, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Joe Bardswich, General Manager – Moss Project and Mr. Ed Duda, Chief Financial Officer.

“I am very pleased to be working with Colin again and excited about the exploration potential of our Moss Gold-Silver Project in Arizona. Colin’s expertise and experience will be invaluable as we move forward with a Preliminary Economic Assessment expected in Q1” states Dick Whittington, President and CEO.

The focus of the exploration plan for 2013 will be to build on the geological work done to date and to explore for additional resources, first as part of a "Mine Exploration" program and then a "Property Wide Exploration" program. The Mine Exploration program will be focused on adding resources in areas adjacent to the currently planned pits, while the Property Wide Exploration

program will be focused on exploration of the entire property where there are several promising targets which have yet to be fully explored.

About Northern Vertex:

Northern Vertex Mining Corp. is a Canadian based exploration and mining company focused on the development of precious metals deposits in Canada and the United States. The Company comprises an experienced management team with a strong background in all aspects of acquisition, exploration, development, operations and financing of precious metal mining projects. Its flagship Moss Gold-Silver Project located in Arizona, USA contains 956,800 oz of AuEq in the measured and indicated categories. The Moss Project is a low strip ratio, heap leach, open pit project and is being advanced under a three phase business plan, specifically designed to ensure that technical, economic and permitting requirements are met prior to each phase proceeding. The Company is focused on working effectively and respectfully with our stakeholders and enhancing the capacity of the communities we work within.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J.R.H. (Dick) Whittington, President & CEO

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