



BELO SUN ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR AND VP, ENGINEERING

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 1, 2012 – Belo Sun Mining Corp. (BSX:TSX-V) (the "Company" or "Belo Sun") announces today that Peter Tagliamonte, P.Eng, MBA, has been appointed as the independent Chair of the Board of Directors of the Company, replacing Mr. Stan Bharti, who will continue as a director of the Company. The Company also announces that it has appointed Mr. Mike Hoffman as its new Vice President of Engineering

"Each of Mr. Tagliamonte and Mr. Hoffman brings a wealth of experience to their respective positions with the Company," stated Mark Eaton, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, "We are very excited that Belo Sun will benefit from their leadership and expertise as the Company proceeds into its key engineering stage."

Mr. Tagliamonte is a professional mining engineer and also holds an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business, at the University of Western Ontario. He is the former President and CEO of Central Sun Mining and Chief Operating Officer of Desert Sun Mining where he developed the Jacobina Mine in Brazil into a 4,200-tonne-per-day mining operation. Mr. Tagliamonte has over 25 years of progressive managerial experience building and operating mines worldwide, notably in Central and South America. In 2005, he received the Mining Journal's "Mine Manager of the Year" award in recognition for his work in the mining sector. He is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sulliden Gold Corporation Ltd.

Mr. Hoffman is a professional mining engineer with over 25 years of experience in mine operations, projects, engineering and corporate development. He has held senior executive positions at Crowflight Minerals Inc., Goldcorp Inc., Desert Sun Mining Corp. and Yamana Gold Inc. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Crocodile Gold Corp., Castillian Resources Inc., Aberdeen International and Largo Resources Ltd.

The Company also announces that it has granted a total of 3,470,000 options under the rolling stock option plan of the Company to various officers, directors, employees and consultants of the Company. The options shall vest in accordance with the Company's stock option plan and are subject to regulatory approval. The options are exercisable at \$1.15 per option and expire on January 31, 2017.

About the Company

Belo Sun Mining Corp. is a Canadian-based mineral exploration company with a portfolio of properties focused on gold in Brazil. Belo Sun's primary focus is on advancing and expanding its 100% owned Volta Grande Gold Project, located in Para State. Belo Sun trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "BSX". For more information about Belo Sun please visit www.belosun.com.

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