# ADEX REPORTS UPDATED MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE FOR NORTH ZONE AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Toronto, Ontario – March 1, 2012 – Adex Mining Inc. ("Adex" or the "Company") (TSX-V: ADE) is pleased to announce the results of an updated National Instrument ("NI") 43-101 mineral resource estimate for the North Zone ("NZ") at its Mount Pleasant Mine property in New Brunswick, Canada.

The updated mineral resource estimate includes 12,400,000 Indicated tonnes averaging 0.38% tin ("Sn"), 0.86% zinc ("Zn"), and 64 parts per million (ppm) indium ("In"). Compared to the May 6, 2009 mineral resource estimate, this represents a 14% increase in Indicated tonnes using a cut-off grade 64% higher than in the 2009 report. Contained metal in the Indicated category within the new mineral resource estimate is 47,000,000 kilograms (kg) of tin, 107,000,000 kg of zinc and 789,000 kg of indium. Compared to 2009, contained tin is approximately the same but contained zinc and indium have increased by 34,000,000 kg and 100,000 kg, respectively.

"These are exciting results that further strengthen our confidence in Mount Pleasant," said Patrick Merrin, Chief Operating Officer for Adex. "Our updated resource was calculated using a higher cut-off grade and we have succeeded in reclassifying a portion of our resource from Inferred to Indicated. The 2010 and 2011 drill programs along with the metallurgical testing that we have completed has given us a much better understanding of how to extract the most value from this resource."

The updated mineral resource estimate also includes 2,800,000 Inferred tonnes averaging 0.30% tin, 1.13% zinc, and 70 ppm indium. Contained inferred metal from the new mineral resource estimate is 8,600,000 kg tin, 32,000,000 kg zinc and 198,000 kg indium.

Mineral resource and contained metal estimates are summarized below in Tables 1 and 2.

In addition to the known tin-zinc-indium resources in the NZ, the results of the 2011 drill program confirmed and expanded the extent of the high-grade tungsten-molybdenum-bismuth (WO<sub>3</sub>-MoS<sub>2</sub>-Bi) mineralization in the NZ and Saddle Zone with grades and widths similar to those being assessed at the Fire Tower Zone ("FTZ") (News Release, Jan. 31, 2012). A follow-up drill program is planned (News Release, Feb. 16, 2012) with the purpose of further expanding and amalgamating the WO<sub>3</sub>-MoS<sub>2</sub>-Bi mineralized bodies, which were originally part of the initial 2009 NZ NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate, with those in the FTZ. This will be conducted in conjunction with the preparation of an updated NI 43-101 resource estimate and feasibility study for all of the WO<sub>3</sub>-MoS<sub>2</sub>-Bi mineralized bodies at Mount Pleasant Mine.

### **RESULTS**

Table 1: February 2012 Mineral Resources – North Zone, Mount Pleasant Property

Mineral Resources	Tonnage	Sn Grade, Cut	Zn Grade, Cut	In Grade, Cut
Class	(Millions of tonnes)	(%)	(%)	(ppm)
Indicated	12.4	0.38	0.86	64
Inferred	2.8	0.30	1.13	70

- Resources were estimated using composites within a Block Model with block dimensions of 5x5x5m and using an
  inverse distance squared grade interpolation method. Top cuts were applied to Sn, Zn and In assays before
  compositing. A cut-off of US\$75 Gross Metal Value ("GMV") was applied and a recovery of 100% is assumed;
- Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of
  mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, socio-political, marketing,
  or other relevant issues;
- The quantity and grade of reported inferred mineral resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these inferred resources as an indicated or measured mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an indicated or measured mineral resource category; and
- 4. The mineral resources in this press release were estimated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by CIM Council November 27, 2010.

The contained metal within the new mineral resource estimate is:

Table 2: Contained Metal, North Zone Mount Pleasant Property (Capped\*)

Mineral Resources Class	Contained Sn (kg,)	Contained Zn (kg)	Contained In (kg)
Indicated	47,000,000	107,000,000	789,000
Inferred	8,600,000	32,000,000	198,000

- Top cuts of 3% Sn and 4% Sn were applied to Sn assays before compositing; top cuts of 5% Zn and 8% Zn were applied to Zn assays before compositing and top cuts of 500 ppm In and 600 ppm In were applied to In assays before compositing. The top cuts applied varied according to the domain. A cut-off of US\$75 GMV was applied and a recovery of 100% is assumed; and
- 2. Figures may not total due to rounding.

## MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENT

The updated mineral resource estimates have been prepared on behalf of Watts, Griffis and McOuat Limited, Consulting Geologists and Engineers of Toronto ("WGM") by WGM Senior Geological Associate John Reddick, M.Sc., P.Geo., of Reddick Consulting Inc. ("RCI") and Mohan Srivastava, M.Sc., P.Geo., of FSS Canada Consultants Inc., all of whom are independent of Adex.

A total of 27,527 samples in 640 diamond drill holes, representing approximately 76,000 metres of drilling, were used for the estimate. The drilling includes underground and surface holes completed from the 1950s through 2011. Of these, 81 drill holes from surface totalling 19,027 metres were completed by Adex from 1996 to 2011. The mineral resource is constrained by wireframes of the favourable host lithologies. Domains were modelled that reflected the different nature of the Sn, Zn and In mineralisation. Metal grades were interpolated into 5-by-5-by-5-metre blocks using an inverse distance squared (ID²) estimation method.

Metal prices of US\$8.33 per pound Sn, \$0.91 per pound Zn, and \$600.00 per kilogram for In, based on the three-year trailing average, were used to estimate a combined Gross Metal Value ("GMV") of US\$75 to establish the cut-off value for blocks. The GMV of US\$75 is equal to a Sn equivalent cut-off grade of 0.41 wt%, which is 64% higher than the Sn equivalent cut-off grade of 0.25 wt% Sn used in the initial NI 43-101 resource estimate for the NZ completed in 2009. The higher cut-off was chosen based upon the results of the 2010 Preliminary Economic Assessment completed for the NZ (filed on SEDAR), which estimated total operating costs ranging from US\$64 to \$109 per tonne and identified Sn, In and Zn as potentially economic

extractable metals for the deposit. In-house data from Adex and technical data from Reddick Consulting Inc for similar deposits were also used to derive the cut-off value.

Mineral resources were classified as Indicated in each domain if:

- a) there were a minimum of six composites from at least two different holes available within the search ellipse for each block estimated; and
- b) there were a minimum of two octants with samples available for each block estimated. Mineral resources were classified as Inferred if at least two composites were found within the search ellipse. For both classes, the longest search direction was 35m and the shortest 20m. The search ellipse was determined from variography analyses and composites contributing to block grades were constrained by the wireframes.

Assay grades were composited to nominal 3-m lengths prior to resource estimation. Unsampled intervals were included in the composites at nil grades. To date all samples have been tested for Sn and Zn, while only 34% have been tested for In. The applied methodology provides a conservation approach for the estimation of the In within the resource. Top cuts of 4% Sn, 5% Zn and 500 ppm In were applied for the Endogranite subzone ("100") domain and top cuts of 3% Sn, 8% Zn and 600 ppm In were applied outside of the Endogranite subzone domain. The top cuts were established on the basis of statistical analysis and were applied to the assays before calculation of composite grades. A GMV cut-off of US\$75/tonne is derived from the value of Sn, Zn and In for each block and the GMV cut-off is based on the assumption that the deposit is of a potential size and nature to allow for possible bulk mining methods.

A copy of the full mineral resource estimate will be available in a NI-43-101-compliant report on the SEDAR website within 45 days of this press release. That report will be prepared by Michael Kociumbas, B.Sc., P.Geo. and Vice-President of Watts, Griffis and McOuat Limited, Steve McCutcheon, Ph.D., P.Geo., of McCutcheon Geo-Consulting, John Reddick, M.Sc., P.Geo., of Reddick Consulting Inc., and Mohan Srivastava, M.Sc., P.Geo., of FSS Canada Consultants Inc. The mineral resource estimates, which are effective today, were completed by John Reddick, M.Sc., P.Geo., of Reddick Consulting Inc. and Mohan Srivastava, M.Sc., P.Geo., of FSS Canada Consultants Inc., and are based on geological interpretations and data supplied by the Company. Michael Kociumbas, John Reddick and Mohan Srivastava are 'independent qualified persons' for the purposes of NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administrators and have verified the mineral resource data disclosed in this release. Steve McCutcheon, Ph.D., P.Geo., of McCutcheon Geo-Consulting and an 'independent qualified person' for the purposes of NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administrators, has verified the sampling procedures and QA/QC data delivered to WGM and is of the opinion that the data are of good quality and suitable for use in the mineral resource estimates.

McCutcheon, Srivastava and Reddick approved the disclosure of the technical information contained in this press release. This release has also been reviewed by Adex's Chief Operating Officer Patrick Merrin, P. Eng.

# **ABOUT ADEX**

Adex Mining Inc. is a Canadian junior mining company with an experienced management team. The Company is focused on developing its flagship Mount Pleasant Mine property, a multi-metal

project that is host to promising tungsten-molybdenum and tin-indium-zinc mineralization. Located in Charlotte County, New Brunswick, the property is situated approximately 80 km south of Fredericton, the provincial capital, and 65 km from the United States border. The common shares of Adex trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the stock symbol "ADE."

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