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BBX MINERALS CONFIRMS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE GRANTING OF A MINING CONCESSION AT CHAPADA GOLD PROJECT

BBX Minerals Limited (ASX:BBX) is pleased to announce that the Tocantins State Mines Department (DNPM) has agreed in principle to the granting of a mining concession covering an area of approximately 2,000 hectares at the Chapada Gold Project in north-central Brazil.

The Company plans to conduct trial open pit mining over the old rudimentary underground workings where historical records show estimated 300,000 ounces have been produced at a mean grade >20 g/t. The previous artisanal miners (garimpeiros) only targeted the narrow, high grade (>15g/t) mineralised veins, leaving behind the lower grade mineralised material between the parallel vein sets.

Trial mining is designed to initially test the grade and extent of the pillars and lower grade ore left in the walls of the old workings. It is the Company's intention to obtain an initial trial mining licence allowing the Company to process up to 50,000 tons of ore per year to enable bulk testing, anticipated to commence in late 2012.

Commencement of full-scale mining will depend on the success of trial mining, formal granting of the mining concession and an environmental permit.

The strategy of open cut mining over previous underground operations, widely employed in the Western Australian goldfields in the 1980's, including at the Big Pit in Kalgoorlie has never been systematically adopted in Brazil.

Key milestones and anticipated timing are as follows:

First-pass test drilling	Q2 2012
Granting of trial mining permit	Q3 2012
Erection of a gravity separation treatment plant	Q3/Q4 2012
Commencement of trial mining/treatment	Q4 2012
Submission of an environmental impact statement	Q1 2013
Granting of a preliminary environmental permit (LP)	Q2 2013
Granting of an installation licence (LI)	Q3 2013
Commencement of construction	Q3 2013
Full-scale operational start-up	Q2 2014

About Chapada

BBX Minerals owns a 51% interest in the Chapada Gold Project which includes the right to earn an 80% interest.

- Chapada represents an attractive, high in-situ value, moderate tonnage underground mining opportunity with the potential for an open pit operation in the earlier stages.
- Simple mining and treatment methodology will significantly reduce the technical risk.
- The major uncertainty is the average gold grade and the continuity of the mineralization at depth.

BBX Minerals plans to conduct a drilling program comprising an initial spacing of 50m designed to intersect the ore body down to 40-80m below surface. If successful, we ought to have sufficient information and confidence on grade distribution to enable the calculation of a maiden JORC resource.

The Company can also confirm that it has settled the second tranche payment of \$425,000 for the acquisition of Mundo Minerals Limited's interest in Chapada.

As previously announced, BBX continues to negotiate with its co-joint venturer, Rio Gameleira, over Rio Gameleira's tag along right over the remaining 49% of the Project.

Further information on the Chapada Gold Project can be found at the Company's website www.bbxminerals.com.au



Company Overview

BBX Minerals is set to become a significant participant in the Brazilian and Peruvian resource sector.

Our strategy is to create shareholder value by the acquisition, exploration and development of quality projects located in Brazil and Peru with a focus on building a balanced portfolio with near term cash flow and substantial exploration potential.

BBX Minerals has a number of high potential projects and pipeline of new opportunities.

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Competent Persons Statements

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results is based in information compiled by BBX director Mr Michael Schmulian, who is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (F.AusIMM). Mr Schmulian has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Schmulian consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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