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Press release

Turquoise Hill Resources provides update on short-term bridge funding agreement with Rio Tinto

VANCOUVER, CANADA – As announced on June 28, 2013, Turquoise Hill Resources entered into an agreement with majority shareholder Rio Tinto for a non-revolving bridge facility for up to US\$225 million (the “Bridge Facility”) maturing on August 12, 2013. In the event the Bridge Facility is not repaid in full at the maturity date or in case of an event of default under the terms of the Bridge Facility, at such time, Rio Tinto may convert any outstanding amounts into common shares at a price per share equal to 85% of the then prevailing five-day volume weighted average trading price of the shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

With the objective of repaying the Bridge Facility in full prior to maturity, the Company continues to focus on completion of the Altynalmas Gold Ltd. transaction, and is exploring a private placement of common equity securities. In addition, the company maintains on-going discussions with Rio Tinto about alternative funding plans. No decision has been made to pursue any approach under consideration and the implementation of any such approach may require regulatory and other approvals.

The Company continues to engage with Rio Tinto and the Government of Mongolia to finalize project financing for Oyu Tolgoi.

About Turquoise Hill Resources

Turquoise Hill Resources (NYSE, NASDAQ & TSX: TRQ), formerly Ivanhoe Mines, is an international mining company focused on copper, gold and coal mines in the Asia Pacific region. The company’s primary operation is its 66% interest in the Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold-silver mine in southern Mongolia. Other assets include a 58% interest in Mongolian coal miner SouthGobi Resources (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878); a 57% interest in copper-gold miner Ivanhoe Australia (ASX, TSX: IVA); and a 50% interest in Altynalmas Gold, a private company developing the Kyzyl Gold Project in Kazakhstan, which is in the process of being sold.

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