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Press release

Turquoise Hill and Chalco agree to terminate SouthGobi lock-up agreement and proportional takeover bid due to approvals timeframe

VANCOUVER, CANADA – Turquoise Hill Resources today announced the termination of the lock-up agreement entered into with Aluminum Corporation of China Limited (“Chalco”) on April 1, 2012 pursuant to which Turquoise Hill agreed to tender its shares in SouthGobi Resources Ltd. (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878) into a proportional takeover offer to be made by Chalco for up to 60%, but not less than 56%, of the shares in SouthGobi. After careful consideration, both Turquoise Hill and Chalco have concluded that the proposed transaction has minimal prospect of obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals within an acceptable timeframe. As a result, Turquoise Hill and Chalco have agreed to terminate the lock-up agreement, including Chalco's obligation to make a proportional offer.

According to the terms of the initial lock-up agreement, Chalco was to make its offer to all shareholders by July 5, 2012. Turquoise Hill and Chalco twice agreed to extend the time for the offer to be made, with the current offer period set to expire on September 4, 2012.

Following termination of the lock-up agreement, Turquoise Hill will work with SouthGobi to improve performance of the company's business and more fully recognize SouthGobi's operating potential.

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 development in southern Mongolia, which is expected to begin commercial production in the first half of 2013. Other assets include a 58% interest in Mongolian coal miner SouthGobi Resources (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878); a 59% 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.

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All such forward-looking information and statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by Turquoise Hill Resources’ management in light of their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors management believes are appropriate in the circumstances. These statements, however, are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking information or statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include those described under the heading “Risks and Uncertainties” elsewhere in the Company’s MD&A. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information or statements.