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**Exeter Appoints Wendell Zerb as President and CEO
Bryce Roxburgh transitions to Co-Chairman with Yale Simpson**

Vancouver, B.C., February 28, 2013 – Exeter Resource Corporation (NYSE-MKT:XRA, TSX:XRC, Frankfurt:EXB – “Exeter” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Wendell Zerb as President and CEO of the Company. Mr. Bryce Roxburgh will transition to the role of Co-Chairman, a position to be shared with Mr. Yale Simpson.

The Company is pleased to welcome Mr. Wendell Zerb in his role as President and CEO. Mr. Zerb is well known in the minerals industry, having 25 years combined experience in mining, mineral exploration and capital markets/financial analysis. His tenure over the past 15 years within capital markets, has garnered him industry recognition for his knowledge, understanding and analytical expertise in the mining sector.

Mr. Zerb obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Alberta in 1986/87 and is a registered Professional Geologist with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA). Mr. Zerb worked for 10 years as a gold and base metals geologist in mineral exploration and mining. That experience included senior roles in project generation and mining operations (both open pit and underground).

In 1996 Mr. Zerb joined an established Vancouver based Investment Dealer (PI Financial) as a Mining Analyst. He advanced rapidly, earning an appointment as Vice President of Research and Institutional Sales, later to President and CEO of a wholly owned US subsidiary. In March, 2005 he joined Canaccord Capital as a Senior Mining Analyst, advancing to the position of Director, Research Analyst, Metals and Mining (Canaccord Genuity Inc.). He resigned from Canaccord in July, 2012.

Mr. Yale Simpson, Exeter Co-Chairman stated, “I would like to welcome Wendell to the Company in this very important leadership role. Wendell has an impressive skill set that combines solid technical capabilities with a strong knowledge of capital markets. He is committed to continuing the advancement of our valuable Caspiche gold-copper asset and to leading the exploration team as they consider new opportunities. In particular, I believe that Wendell’s significant industry contacts, worldwide project knowledge, and market savvy will be very valuable in the years ahead.”

Mr. Bryce Roxburgh stated: “I look forward to my new role as Co-Chairman of the Board. The role will allow me to continue my close association with Exeter while Wendell brings new perspectives and leadership to our team. Separately, Mr. Douglas Scheving has resigned from the Board of Directors to take up retirement. On behalf of the Exeter Board I would like to thank Douglas for his substantial contributions dating back to 2003.”

About Exeter

Exeter is a Canadian mineral exploration and development company. Its principal focus is the advancement of its 100% owned Caspiche gold-copper project in Chile. Caspiche is one of the largest undeveloped gold-copper deposits in the America’s and is situated in the Maricunga gold district, between the Maricunga mine (Kinross Gold Corp.) and the Cerro Casale gold-copper deposit (Barrick Gold Corp. and Kinross Gold Corp.). The Company continues to evaluate new opportunities related to the advancement of Caspiche, and new industry wide opportunities with the objective of securing properties, which offer near term discovery potential.

Exeter has completed pre-feasibility studies that demonstrate the potential for commercializing Caspiche. The Company currently has cash reserves of CAD\$52 million and no debt.

You are invited to visit the Exeter web site at www.exeterresource.com.

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