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EXETER ANNOUNCES OPTION AND JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS ON TWO PROPERTIES IN MEXICO

Vancouver, B.C., March 4, 2013 – Exeter Resource Corporation (NYSE-MKT:XRA, TSX:XRC, Frankfurt:EXB – “Exeter” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has entered into two option and joint venture agreements with Canadian company, San Marco Resources Inc. (SMN-TSXV), for the exploration of the Angeles and La Buena gold-silver properties located in Mexico (the “Angeles Property Agreement” and “La Buena Property Agreement”, respectively).

Co-Chairman Mr. Yale Simpson states, “We believe a discovery on either of the two Mexican properties would provide Exeter shareholders very significant upside at modest cost and that our initial exploration commitment of CAD\$2.4 million, less than 5% of our current cash position of CAD\$52 million, is a prudent use of funds. Our principal focus will remain the advancement of our world-class Caspiche gold-copper deposit in Chile”.

Co-Chairman Mr. Bryce Roxburgh states “Exeter has an exceptional exploration track record, having discovered three mineral deposits since 2003, namely the Caspiche, Cerro Moro and Don Sixto deposits. Our team has spent 10 months reviewing mineral opportunities in jurisdictions where both the investment climate and the geological prospectivity are favourable. We are very excited to work with San Marco to test these exploration properties and look forward to the exploration news flow over the next 12 months”.

The Angeles Property (option to earn up to 70%)

The Angeles property comprises a 12,410 hectare land package located in Sonora State, Mexico. The property hosts multiple structurally controlled zones of gold/silver/copper mineralization that have been identified over approximately 2.5 kilometres (“km”). Numerous historic workings on the property date back to the beginning of the 20th century, including a 400 metre (“m”) underground access drift, used previously for mine production at the La Bonanza zone.

Despite the presence of surface mineralization and historically significant underground workings on site, the Angeles property has never been drill tested. Project infrastructure is considered excellent including road access, nearby electrical power and readily available skilled labour. Drill permits have been approved at the Angeles property and drilling is scheduled to begin in March, 2013.

The Angeles Agreement

Exeter can earn an initial 51% in the Angeles property by staged expenditures totalling CAD\$10 million over the first 4 years and an additional 19%, over the next 3 years, for a total of 70%, by spending an additional CAD\$10 million in exploration expenditures. Exeter will also make cash payments totalling CAD\$950,000 staged over 7 years. All cash payments are to be made by way of a private placement purchase by Exeter of San Marco’s common shares at a price equal to a premium of 25% to the 20 day volume weighted average price of San Marco’s shares on the TSX Venture Exchange (“VWAP”).

Exeter has committed to an expenditure of CAD\$1.0 million at Angeles, which is largely related to 2,500 m of drilling at the La Bonanza and La Verde target areas.

The La Buena Property (option to earn 60%)

The La Buena property consists of an 8,500 hectare land package located in an active mining region within northern Zacatecas State, Mexico. The property is 5 km north of Goldcorp’s La Negra/Noche Buena deposit and 9 km north of its Peñasquito mine (Goldcorp has forecast 2013 production at 360,000 ounces of gold and 20 million ounces of silver).

The Julia target at La Buena has similar geological, geochemical and geophysical characteristics to other mineral deposits in the area, including Peñasquito and Camino Rojo. By midsummer the joint venture plans to have expanded the IP geophysical coverage of the property to facilitate a 2,500 m drilling program, principally to test the Julia target.

The La Buena Agreement

Exeter has the right to earn 60% in the La Buena property by spending CAD\$15 million in exploration expenditures and by making cash payments of CAD\$650,000 staged over 5 years. All cash payments are to be made by way of a private placement purchase by Exeter of San Marco's common shares at a price equal to a premium of 25% to the 20 day VWAP.

Exeter has committed to first year expenditures of CAD\$1.4 million, which includes a property scale IP program and 2,500 m of drilling.

Pursuant to the Angeles and La Buena Agreements, San Marco will be the project operator prior to Exeter's initial earn-in obligations. Detailed exploration programs will be determined by a management committee consisting of Exeter and San Marco representatives. San Marco has an established exploration team in Mexico.

Upon Exeter earning an interest in the Angeles and La Buena properties, a joint venture will be formed between Exeter and San Marco and each party will fund on-going expenditures in proportion to its respective interest in the properties.

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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