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RESIGNATION OF MD AND APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CEO

Hillgrove Resources Limited ABN 73 004 297 116 (ASX: HGO) announces that the Managing Director, Mr Drew Simonsen, has resigned effective today.

Chairman of the Board, Dean Brown, thanked Mr Simonsen for his hard work and commitment to the Company over the past two years. He said: "Drew has overseen the Company through significant change in terms of the Company's activities, including the raising of debt and equity funding for the development of the Kanmantoo copper project in South Australia in 2010. He has since managed the Company through the construction period in 2011 and the ramp up phase since November 2011.

"In addition, Drew has overseen the commencement of exploration programs in Indonesia, including the commencement of drilling at both Birds Head in West Papua and on the Island of Sumba. The Board joins with me in appreciation of his work in developing the Company and extends its best wishes for Drew for the future."

Dean Brown announced that Russell Middleton, Company Secretary and CFO, is the Acting CEO whilst a selection process for the new CEO is being undertaken.

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ABOUT HILLGROVE

Hillgrove is an Australian mining company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: HGO) focused on the operation of the Kanmantoo Copper Mine in South Australia, and exploration on its Indonesian tenements, where the Company is targeting the discovery of world class epithermal gold and porphyry copper/gold.

The Kanmantoo Copper Mine is located less than 55km from Adelaide in South Australia. With construction now completed, Kanmantoo is an open-cut mine, and is ramping up to an initial throughput of 2.4Mt per annum in 2012, to produce approximately 80,000 tonnes of concentrate per annum.

Global Mineral Resource (March 2012)

	JORC Classification	Tonnage (Mt)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Bi (g/t)	Cu Metal (kt)
In Situ Resource	Measured	4.2	0.85	0.13	2.26	173	35.3
	Indicated	20.5	0.87	0.16	2.34	129	178.3
	Inferred	6.5	0.66	0.15	1.73	114	43.0
Long Term	Measured	1.1	0.46	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.0



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Stockpiles	Indicated	0.5	0.18	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.9
	Total	32.8	0.80	0.15	2.20	132	262.6

Note: The estimation of Bi is based on limited sampling data. Bi is recognised as a potential penalty element.

As at end of March 2012.

2012 In Situ Resource > 0.25% Cu.

Long Term Stockpiles > 0.15% Cu. Au, Ag and Bi assays are not available.

Ore Reserve (April 2010)

Category	Tonnage	Cu	Au	Ag
	Mt	(%)	(g/t)	(g/t)
Proved	2.3	0.87	0.13	3.2
Probable	12.5	0.84	0.18	3.1
Ore Reserve	14.8	0.85	0.17	3.1

Competent Person's Statements

The information in this release that relates to Kanmantoo Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Stockpiles is based on information compiled by Mr Pat Manouge, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Manouge is the Kanmantoo Copper Mine Exploration Manager for Hillgrove Resources and has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration 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 (JORC Code)'.

The information in this release that relates to in situ Mineral Resource estimates is based on information compiled by Mr Aaron Meakin, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Meakin is a full-time employee of AMC Consultants Pty Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration 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 (JORC Code)'.

The information in this release that relates to Ore Reserve estimates is based on information compiled by Mr Geoff Davidson, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Davidson is a Principal Consultant and Director of Mining and Cost Engineering Pty Ltd and has sufficient relevant experience 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 (JORC Code)'.

The Competent Persons have consented to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.