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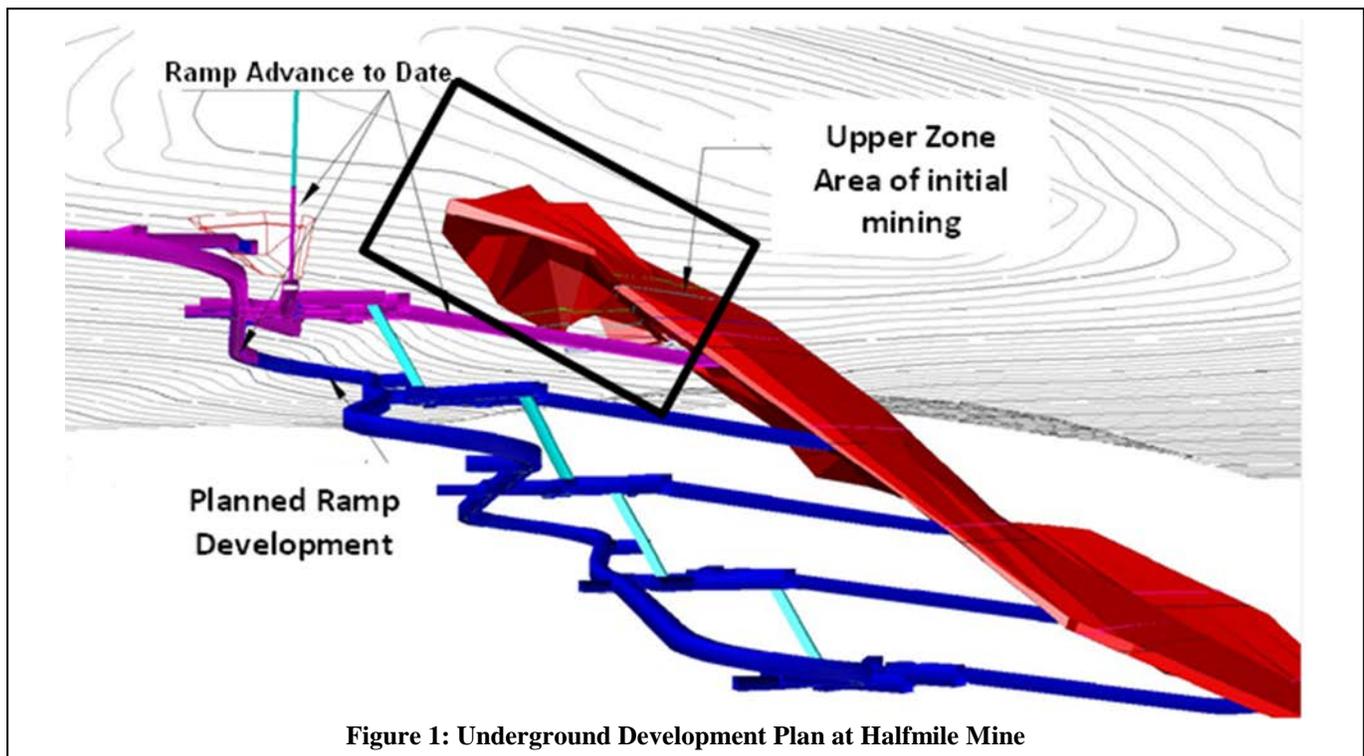
Trevali Commences Initial Production at Halfmile Mine in New Brunswick

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Vancouver, British Columbia...Trevali Mining Corporation (“Trevali” or the “Company”) (TSX: TV and TV.WT; BVL: TV; OTCQX: TREVF; Frankfurt: 4TI) is pleased to announce that initial mineral production has commenced from the uppermost portions of its wholly-owned Halfmile polymetallic (zinc-lead-silver-copper-gold) Massive Sulphide Deposit in the Bathurst Mining Camp of northern New Brunswick, Canada. Ramp-up to full nameplate (2,000-tonne-per-day) commercial production will occur over the current quarter.

The Company is currently mobilizing a second underground development crew that will further deepen the access ramp to open the lower levels for mineral extraction while the first production crew stock-piles mineralization prior to shipment and treatment at the Xstrata Brunswick 12 processing plant.



“We are incredibly proud to make this transition from mineral explorer/developer to producer. Progress to date at Halfmile has been exemplary – our experienced senior management and mine development team has brought the project in under budget and to initial production within 9 months,” stated Mark Cruise, President and CEO. “We have invested approximately \$16 million, a fraction of the typical mine start-up cost, to bring the deposit on line. To date roughly 80% of this expenditure has remained in the northern New Brunswick region and will provide significant economic benefits. The Halfmile operation currently employs approximately 60 people including members of the Mi’gmaq First Nation and the local communities, and at full nameplate production is anticipated to provide approximately 130 full-time positions. We hope that with ongoing Government support we can significantly increase these benefits going forward as we advance Halfmile’s sister deposit, Stratmat, to production.”

HALFMILE AND STRATMAT DEPOSITS

The Halfmile and Stratmat Deposits are zinc-lead-silver-copper-gold rich volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) deposits located in the renowned Bathurst Mining Camp of northern New Brunswick in eastern Canada. They contain significant National Instrument 43-101 Resources – all of which remain open for expansion (Table 1):

Table 1: National Instrument 43-101 Resource Estimates for Halfmile and Stratmat Deposits.

Halfmile and Stratmat Deposit Resources					
	Tonnes	Zn%	Pb%	Cu%	Ag (g/t)
HALFMILE					
Indicated	6,262,043	8.13	2.58	0.22	30.78*
Inferred	6,078,200	6.69	1.83	0.14	20.51*
STRATMAT					
Inferred	5,524,500	6.11	2.59	0.40	54.21
Calculated by Tetra Tech Wardrop engineers and geologists using a 5% ZnEQ cutoff *Silver and gold not routinely analyzed for in historic drilling.					

An independent Preliminary Economic Assessment* from Tetra Tech Wardrop engineering in September 2010 indicated a pre-tax Net Present Value (6%) of C\$343 million at metal prices of US\$1.03/lb Zinc, US\$3.03/lb Copper, US\$0.92/lb Lead and US\$15.08/oz Silver. The study did not take into account any potential gold credits.

*Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

ABOUT TREVALI MINING CORPORATION

Trevali has two advanced-stage polymetallic (zinc-lead-silver-copper) deposits in Canada and Peru – the Halfmile and Santander mine projects respectively. In Canada, Trevali owns the Halfmile Mine and Stratmat polymetallic deposit in the Bathurst Mining Camp of northern New Brunswick, and the past-producing Ruttan copper-zinc mine in northern Manitoba. Production from the Halfmile Mine commenced in early 2012 and will ramp up to a planned production rate of 2,000-tonnes-per-day.

In Peru, the Company has the Santander zinc-lead-silver mine project and the former-producing Huampar silver mine, both located in the Central Peruvian Polymetallic Belt. Mine commissioning is anticipated to commence at the Santander operation in mid- 2012 with ramp up to full 2,000-tonne-per-day production to follow shortly thereafter. Additionally through its wholly-owned subsidiary Trevali Renewable Energy Inc., Trevali is undertaking a significant upgrade of its wholly-owned Tingo run-of-river hydroelectric generating facility along with transmission line upgrades and extensions to allow, in addition to supplying

power to the mining operation on the property, the potential sale of surplus power into the Peruvian National Energy Grid.

The common shares of Trevali are listed on the TSX (symbol TV), the OTCQX (symbol TREVF) and on the Lima Stock Exchange (symbol TV). Warrants to purchase common shares of Trevali are listed on the TSX (symbol TV.WT). For further details on Trevali, readers are referred to the Company's web site (www.trevali.com) and to Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Qualified Person and Quality Control/Quality Assurance

EurGeol Dr. Mark D. Cruise, Trevali's President and CEO and a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has supervised the preparation of the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for this news release. Dr. Cruise is not independent of the Company, as he is an officer and shareholder.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
TREVALI MINING CORPORATION

“Mark D. Cruise” (signed)
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Trevali's production plans at Halfmile-Stratmat and Santander are based only on Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources and not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred Mineral Resources are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves, and there is therefore no certainty that the conclusions of the production plans and Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) will be realized. Additionally where Trevali discusses exploration/expansion potential, any potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.

The TSX has not approved or disapproved of the contents of this news release.