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NEWS RELEASE

Trevali's Santander Mine construction on track

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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 provide a development update for its Santander Zinc-Lead-Silver Mine in west-central Peru. Trevali Peru currently has approximately 600 construction workers and miners on site, and project development is advancing accordingly. All major mine and mineral processing items are on schedule and the Company presently remains on track for commissioning in late Q3-2012.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

All core site infrastructure is essentially complete and fully operational – accommodation units, both catering facilities and various mine planning and site offices. Construction and commissioning of the project's 65-kilometre power-line is nearing completion and it is estimated that the site will be connected to the Peruvian power grid in late June – early July.

PROCESSING PLANT

Merit Consultants International Inc. is supervising construction of the 2,000 tonne-per-day (tpd) Processing Plant by Cempro Tech S.A., a Lima based specialist construction firm, on behalf of the Santander Project Development Team (a joint development between Trevali and Glencore International).

Glencore's mill is fully decommissioned and all equipment is on-site and ready for installation, including specific new components. Plant construction is advancing well – all foundations are poured and cured, the majority of rebar and framework is in place and various structural components and building fabrication are presently being assembled (mill circuits, flotation building, zinc and lead thickeners and concentrate storage warehouses) (Figure 1).

UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT

The Company's mining contractors, JRC Ingenieros, mobilized to site approximately 3 weeks ago. All key underground service and support facilities are in place, namely water, air, underground offices and training rooms, lamp-room, various explosive magazines and equipment shops. Development of the 5-metre-by-4-metre underground access ramp has commenced and progress to date is excellent (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Construction of the Santander Mill and concentrate production buildings



Figure 2: Portal development at Santander Mine

ABOUT TREVALI MINING CORPORATION

Trevali is a zinc-focused base metals producer with operations in Canada and Peru – the Halfmile and Santander mines respectively. In Canada, Trevali owns the Halfmile zinc-lead-silver mine and Stratmat polymetallic deposit, and has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the Caribou Mine and Mill, all located in the Bathurst Mining Camp of northern New Brunswick. The Company also has the past-producing Ruttan copper-zinc mine in northern Manitoba. Production from the Halfmile mine commenced in early 2012 and is ramping up to the planned production rate of 2,000-tonnes-per-day.

In Peru, the Company has the Santander zinc-lead-silver mine 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 late-2012 with ramp up to full 2,000-tonnes-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.

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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.

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