

## Compass Minerals Declares Dividend

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OVERLAND PARK, Kan.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May. 10, 2012-- The board of directors of Compass Minerals (NYSE:CMP) has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.495 per share payable June 15, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 1, 2012. The company's board increased the quarterly dividend by 10 percent in February of this year to demonstrate Compass Minerals' ongoing commitment to deliver tangible value to its shareholders.

### About Compass Minerals

Based in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Compass Minerals is a leading producer of minerals, including salt, sulfate of potash specialty fertilizer and magnesium chloride. The company provides highway deicing salt to customers in North America and the United Kingdom and specialty fertilizer to growers worldwide. Compass Minerals also produces consumer deicing and water conditioning products, ingredients used in consumer and commercial foods, and other mineral-based products for consumer, agricultural and industrial applications. Compass Minerals also provides records management services to businesses throughout the U.K. For more information, visit [www.compassminerals.com](http://www.compassminerals.com)

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