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NEWS RELEASE

Tigray Commences Drilling on the Mayshehagne VMS Prospect

Vancouver, BC, January 25, 2012 – Tigray Resources Inc. (TSX-V: TIG) (“Tigray” or the “Company”) reports that drilling has commenced on the Mayshehagne (*may-SHAY-aw-nee*) prospect, a copper-gold volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) prospect on the Company's 70%-owned Harvest project in northern Ethiopia. This drilling will total approximately 900 metres in five holes and is part of the Company's 13,000 metre first phase drill program currently under way at Harvest.

The Mayshehagne prospect is 3.3 kilometres south of the current drilling at Terakimti on a separate VMS trend. The target was initially identified as a bedrock electromagnetic conductive feature from an airborne survey. Mapping has defined a mineralized zone over a strike of 170 metres that includes magnetic ironstone, chert breccia, several gossans, barite and malachite, hosted in flow banded rhyolite. The bedding dips at 50 to 85 degrees NW. Results from eight rock chip samples have returned assay values ranging from 0.07 to 14% copper, 0.11 to 13.2 grams per tonne gold, up to 56 grams per tonne silver, 0.03 to 1.9% zinc and up to 1.7% lead.

Previous work at Mayshehagne includes several geophysical surveys, including one section of induced polarization and a 100 metre spaced time-domain electromagnetic survey. A strong electromagnetic anomaly has been defined directly beneath the Mayshehagne gossan outcrop, with a strong late-time conductor present near surface and interpreted to be related directly to massive sulfide.

The first five planned holes at Mayshehagne will be followed up with additional drilling based on initial target validation and mineralized trend definition. The 13,000 metre first phase drill program at Harvest is scheduled for completion by the end of February.

Quality Control

The planning, execution and monitoring of Tigray's quality control programs at the Harvest project are under the supervision of Jeff Heidema, P.Geol., Tigray's Vice President Exploration, and Dr. David Groves, Tigray's Director of Project Development. Mr. Heidema and Dr. Groves are Qualified Persons as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

Rock chip samples have undergone preliminary preparation at the Acme Laboratories facility in Ankara, Turkey, and are crushed to 80% passing 10 mesh, and pulverized to 85% passing 200 mesh (Acme R200-1000 package). Analyses are conducted at Acme Laboratories in Vancouver, Canada, utilizing Aqua Regia digestion and ICP-ES. Precious metals analyses are conducted via Fire Assay Fusion with AA finish, and gravimetric analyses for over-limit samples. Blanks and certified reference standards are inserted into the sample stream to monitor laboratory performance.

About Tigray

Tigray is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on advancing early-stage mineral projects in Ethiopia. Tigray's key property is the 70%-owned Harvest polymetallic VMS exploration project, which covers 362 square kilometres in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, 600 kilometres north-northwest of the capital city of Addis Ababa. The Company recently entered into an agreement to acquire the Harvest North properties, which cover 795 square kilometres immediately adjacent north and west of the Harvest project. Tigray has \$5 million in cash and no debt. The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol TIG.

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