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NEWS RELEASE

Tigray Drills 31.75 Metres of 1.84% Copper, 0.83 Grams per Tonne Gold, 17 Grams per Tonne Silver and 7.03% Zinc at Terakimti Prospect, Harvest Project, Ethiopia

Vancouver, BC, April 2, 2012 – Tigray Resources Inc. (TSX-V: TIG) (“Tigray” or the “Company”) reports new diamond drill results at the Terakimti volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) copper-gold discovery on the Company's Harvest project in northern Ethiopia. Four separate VMS lenses have been discovered at Terakimti over a strike length of 800 metres. Recent drilling has extended mineralization along strike and down dip, with the system remaining open in these directions.

Highlights

- The high-grade copper-gold Southern Lens has been extended 80 metres along strike to the north (TD043).
- Drilling of the Central Lens has intersected high-grade VMS mineralization to 265 metres down hole (TD051) and the target remains open at depth.

Important New Drill Intercepts

- Hole TD051 – 29.95 metres of 1.29% copper, 1.09 grams per tonne gold, 19 grams per tonne silver and 1.87% zinc, from 233.35 metres, including 13.3 metres of 2.52% copper, 1.98 grams per tonne gold, 36 grams per tonne silver and 3.48% zinc in the Central Lens from 242.95 metres.
- Hole TD043 – 47.8 metres of 1.01% copper, 0.7 grams per tonne gold, 6 grams per tonne silver and 0.72% zinc from 147.7 metres, including 17.45 metres of 2.15% copper, 1.11 grams per tonne gold, 10 grams per tonne silver and 0.42% zinc from 174.2 metres, which extends the Southern Lens 80 metres to the north.
- Hole TD025 – 31.75 metres of 1.84% copper, 0.83 grams per tonne gold, 17 grams per tonne silver and 7.03% zinc from 93.85 metres, including 11.9 metres of 3.08% copper, 1.06 grams per tonne gold, 20 grams per tonne silver and 9.54% zinc from 110.5 metres.

These new results, along with petrological studies and a detailed interpretation of Terakimti, have provided a better understanding of the mineralizing system.

Planned Phase 2 drilling will test the down dip extensions of the system, with 7,500 metres of drilling to depths of up to 500 metres. A helicopter VTEM (electromagnetic, magnetic and radiometric) survey will be completed to test 15 kilometres along strike of Terakimti, and the more recent Mayshehagne discovery, in order to expedite regional targeting along these two trends.

Table 1 – Terakimti Drill Results: Highlights from Recent Drilling

Hole		From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m) *	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Zinc (%)	Mineralization type
TD025		74.70	80.50	5.80	3.54	1.27	24	0.74	Supergene/Primary Sulfide
		93.85	125.60	31.75	1.84	0.83	17	7.03	Primary
	including	106.50	123.20	16.70	2.37	0.89	19	9.16	Primary
	and including	110.50	122.40	11.90	3.08	1.06	20	9.54	Primary
TD033		24.00	27.10	3.10	0.04	0.74	34	7.97	Primary
TD041		28.50	31.65	3.15	0.02	5.32	9	0.00	Oxide
		50.90	54.35	3.45	0.55	0.02	0	0.01	Supergene
TD043		147.70	195.50	47.80	1.01	0.70	6	0.72	Primary
		174.20	191.65	17.45	2.15	1.11	10	0.42	Primary

	including	174.95	186.10	11.15	3.05	1.28	14	0.56	Primary
TD044		0.00	33.95	33.95	0.06	1.34	2	0.03	Oxide
	including	17.20	30.60	13.40	0.10	2.70	2	0.03	Oxide
TD048		81.85	87.35	5.50	1.51	0.83	31	13.26	Primary
TD049		38.90	58.00	19.10	0.01	0.57	42	0.00	Oxide/Supergene
TD051		233.35	263.30	29.95	1.29	1.09	19	1.87	Primary
	including	242.95	256.25	13.30	2.52	1.98	36	3.48	Primary

* Mineralized true thicknesses are 60 to 90% of stated thicknesses

Geological Interpretation

The Terakimti VMS discovery is hosted within a sequence of intermediate volcanic rocks with basalt in the hanging wall. Exhalative siliceous banded iron formation occurs at the periphery of the mineralized zone, with jasperoidal alteration of basalts common in the immediate hanging wall. Numerous quartz-eye porphyry dykes intrude the centre of the mineralized system and may be responsible for partial upgrading of mineralization through recrystallization. All mineralized lenses and associated alteration have a moderate east-northeast plunge and remain open down plunge.

The system currently consists of four stacked lenses containing copper-gold-silver and variable zinc:

1. The **Southern Lens** is up to 50 metres wide, 360 metres long, and 170 metres high and it is open down plunge. This mineralization has a massive pyrite base up to 5 metres thick, and appears to be a mound shaped lens with stringers in the footwall. It is supergene upgraded as it is exposed at the southern end of the Terakimti system. The highlight intercept in primary sulfide from the Southern Lens is 73.85 metres grading 3.77% copper , 1.31 grams per tonne gold, 14grams per tonne silver, and 0.72% zinc from 57.45 metres in hole TD004 (*refer to the Company's press release dated December 12, 2011*). Weathering of the lens has provided gold enriched oxide mineralization, including 8.8 metres grading 9.19 grams per tonne gold and 78 grams per tonne silver in hole TD029 (*refer to the Company's press release dated February 27, 2012*);
2. The **Central Lens** sits above the Southern Lens and is up to 14 metres wide, 400 metres long, 150 metres high and it is open down plunge and down dip. This mineralized lens is well banded to massive, tabular and predictable, and has several narrower (but high-grade) lenses sitting above it. The highlight hole in primary sulfide from the Central Lens is hole TD011, which intersected 15.2 metres grading 2.61% copper , 1.84 grams per tonne gold, 43 grams per tonne silver, and 6.77% zinc from 181.75 metres (*refer to the Company's press release dated January 16, 2012*);
3. Mineralization in the **Northern Lens** is similar to the Central Lens, but it is separated from the Central Lens by a porphyry dyke. The Northern Lens is up to 20 metres wide, 320 metres long, 120 metres high and is open down plunge. This lens is also well banded and contains high-grade gold gossan in the oxide zone. The highlight hole in supergene to primary sulfide from the Northern Lens is 20.85 metres grading 5.67 % copper, 1.48grams per tonne gold, 17.59 grams per tonne silver and 0.77% zinc from 38.75 metres in hole TD008 (*refer to the Company's press release dated January 16, 2012*); and
4. The **Lower Zinc Lens** is a recent discovery which has been intersected in several drill holes. Hole TD040 intersected 3.5 metres grading 23% zinc and 1.5% copper from 239.2 metres (*refer to the Company's press release date February 27, 2012*). This mineralization has not yet been followed up and it may provide a lead-in to additional mineralization.

Numerous targets in the area remain to be tested, including a gravity-resistivity target on the northern strike extension of the system, the down-plunge extensions of all lenses, and the northern copper-lead anomaly located 500 metres north of the Terakimti VMS discovery.

Click here for a plan view map and long sections: http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/tig402_F1-2.pdf. A complete list of drill hole intercepts can be found on the Company's website at www.tigray.ca.

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.Geo., Tigray's Vice President Exploration. Mr. Heidema is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

Diamond drill core 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 metal analyses are conducted via Fire Assay Fusion with AAS 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 discovery through 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 west of the Harvest project. The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol TIG.

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