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NEWS RELEASE

Tigray Drills 73.8 Metres of 3.8% Copper, 1.3 Grams per Tonne Gold and 14 Grams per Tonne Silver – Confirms Copper-Gold VMS Discovery at Harvest Project in Ethiopia

Vancouver, BC, December 12, 2011 – Tigray Resources Inc. (TSX-V: TIG) (“Tigray” or the “Company”) is pleased to report initial diamond drill results from the 13,000-metre first phase drill program at the Terakimti copper-gold-silver-zinc prospect on the Company's 70%-owned Harvest project in northern Ethiopia. The drill program is designed to test the one-kilometre long Terakimti volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) prospect to a depth of 250 metres. Results from the first three holes are as follows:

Hole		From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)*	Copper %	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Zinc %
TD001		44.00	46.00	2.00	1.63	1.41	23	1.70
		53.30	55.40	2.10	2.80	1.09	12	0.19
		90.15	95.75	5.60	1.11	0.54	17	4.96
		138.40	140.00	1.60	2.89	2.54	16	0.99
TD004		57.45	131.30	73.85	3.77	1.31	14	0.72
	including	78.65	115.10	36.45	6.01	1.69	19	1.31
		162.50	163.75	1.25	0.68	0.73	15	4.76
TD005		71.40	90.10	18.70	2.12	0.96	18	3.58
	including	77.60	90.10	12.50	3.04	1.24	24	4.55

* Mineralized true thicknesses are 60-85% of stated thicknesses.

Drilling to date in the southern part of the Terakimti target area has defined thick (10 to 35 metre true width) zones of steeply south-dipping massive sulfide mineralization over a 250-metre strike length, with an interpreted plunge to the mineralized system of 35 to 40 degrees to the ENE. Step-out drilling will target deeper mineralization along strike and down plunge of the system, as well as target under gold-rich gossans and specific geophysical anomalies along the one-kilometre strike length.

Tigray has three diamond drill rigs on site and has completed approximately 6,500 metres of diamond drilling in 35 holes to an average depth of 195 metres. The first phase drill program is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2012.

Click here for a plan view map:

http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/TIG_drill_collar_location_map_12_dec_2011.pdf.

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, 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.

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. 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 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. Tigray is well financed, with \$8 million in cash and no debt. The Company's shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol TIG.

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