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MACARTHUR MINERALS TO EXHIBIT AT PDAC 2012 AT BOOTH #2818

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – (Marketwire – February 9, 2012), Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSX: MMS, OTCQX: MMSDF) ("the Company" or "Macarthur") is pleased announce that it will be exhibiting at the 2012 Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) International Convention and Investors Exchange in Toronto, March 4-7, 2012. The PDAC will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building. All interested parties are invited to visit the Macarthur Minerals team at booth number 2818.

ABOUT MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED (TSX: MMS, OTCQX: MMSDF)

Macarthur Minerals Limited is an Australian based resource development company currently focused on developing its Ularring Hematite Project, located in the Yilgarn iron ore district in Western Australia. The Ularring Project is located 110 km from rail infrastructure with a direct connection to the iron ore exporting Port of Esperance, Western Australia.

The Ularring Hematite Project has an indicated hematite resource of 13.01 Mt at 55.2% Fe and an inferred resource of 16.95 Mt at 55.6% Fe (press release dated January 24, 2012). In addition, Macarthur's Moonshine Magnetite Project has an inferred resource of 1.3 Bt at 30.1% Fe (press release dated December 15, 2010).

Positive Preliminary Economic Assessments were released to the market on the Ularring Hematite Project in November 2011 (press release dated November 21, 2011) and the Moonshine Magnetite Project in February 2011 (press release dated February 7, 2011).

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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