

## Excellon Resources declares force majeure at La Platosa

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TORONTO, Aug. 8, 2012 /CNW/ - **Excellon Resources Inc. (TSX: EXN) ("Excellon" or "the Company")** today announced that it has declared *force majeure* in respect of its concentrate delivery contracts with Consorcio Minero De Mexico Comin Mex, S.A. DE C.V. ("Trafigura"), located in Manzanillo, Mexico, due to the ongoing illegal blockade at the Company's La Platosa mine in the state of Durango, Mexico. The blockade was commenced by the Ejido de La Sierrita (the "Ejido") on July 8, 2012, with the assistance and funding of the non-governmental organization ProDESC and Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Mineros Metalúrgicos, Siderúrgicos y Similares de la República Mexicana, affiliated with the United Steelworkers Union of Canada.

Criminal charges for trespassing were laid more than four weeks ago, immediately following the commencement of the blockade. On the evening of Monday, August 6, 2012 the Company notified the Mexican federal government that it would be imminently required to declare *force majeure* unless the illegal blockade was removed. Despite that notice and the evident urgency of the situation, no actions were taken by authorities to prosecute the outstanding criminal charges and uphold the law.

The Company continues to meet regularly with local, state and federal governments in Mexico in an effort to resolve the situation. La Platosa remains under care and maintenance during the illegal action.

### About Excellon

*Excellon, a mineral resource company operating in Durango and Zacatecas States, Mexico, and Ontario and Quebec, Canada, is committed to building value through production, expansion and discovery. Excellon is Mexico's highest-grade silver producer; it produces silver, lead and zinc from the high-grade manto Mineral Resource on its large, 100% owned Platosa Property, strategically located in the middle of the Mexican CRD/silver belt. Excellon's focus is on expanding its operating capacity and increasing its Mineral Resources at Platosa where an exploration program focused on diamond drilling and advanced geophysical techniques is ongoing. The Platosa Property, not fully explored, has several geological indicators of a large mineralized system. The Miguel Auza Mill Operation in Zacatecas also has 41,000 hectares of underexplored land. Excellon also has ongoing gold exploration programs on the DeSantis Project, located near Timmins, Ontario and the Beschefer Project, located in northwestern Quebec. Both these projects host gold mineralization and significant potential for the discovery of more. Excellon will continue to use cash from operations to fund its ongoing exploration activities.*

On behalf of

### EXCELLON RESOURCES INC.

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Executive Chairman

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