

## Excellon Reports on Illegal Action and Union Vote at La Platosa

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TORONTO, July 11, 2012 /CNW/ - **Excellon Resources Inc. (TSX: EXN) ("Excellon" or "the Company")** reports that on Monday, July 9th, members of the Edijo de La Sierrita (the Edijo), assisted by the NGO group PRODESC and Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Mineros Metalúrgicos, Siderúrgicos y Similares de la República Mexicana which is affiliated with the United Steelworkers Union of Canada (USW) commenced an illegal action at the Company's La Platosa Mine, located in Durango Mexico.

The Durango State and Federal Governments have informed the Company that this action is illegal and as such, Excellon has filed criminal charges and commenced lawsuits for damages against all members and groups who are participating in this illegal action.

The Company has completed a lengthy meeting with its Mexican legal team as well as local, State and Federal government representatives in regards to recent Edijo allegations and the current action at La Platosa. The Company has the full support of the Government on these issues and has been informed that the Government will be meeting with the Edijo and other parties to end this illegal action, which is expected to end within the next 24 to 48 hours.

At present the Company continues to produce concentrate from stockpiled material at Miguel Auza. Mining activity at La Platosa has been temporarily suspended and essential services are being maintained during the period.

### Union Vote Status:

The voting process for the selection of a representative union at La Platosa took place on July 5, 2012. Labour Authorities were present at all times throughout the entire process, as dictated by State and Federal law. Allegations by unions and other groups that La Platosa employees were intimidated during the process are false and will be taken seriously by the Labour Authorities and the Government of Durango.

It is the understanding of the Company that the outcome of the voting did not favour Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Mineros Metalúrgicos, Siderúrgicos y Similares de la República Mexicana which is affiliated with the USW, as they only received approximately 1/3 of the vote cast. The results will not be official until the Labour Authority completes the formal tabulation process as per the requirements of Mexican labour law. The Company understands that this process may take several weeks.

The Company also understands that the Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Mineros Metalúrgicos, Siderúrgicos y Similares de la República Mexicana and the Sindicato Nacional de Industria "Vicente Guerrero" de los Trabajadores de la Extracción, Fundición, Transformación, Distribución, Montaje y Transportación de Productos de Metal, Minerales Conexos, Derivados y Similares, which presently represents the mine workers may dispute and petition the results of the vote.

Excellon remains committed to recognize and work with whatever union the employees of Excellon have chosen to represent them.

### 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

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