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OUTCOMES FROM PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

Bathurst Resources Ltd (ASX & NZX: BTU) is pleased to announce the following material outcomes from the Pre-Hearing Conference for appeals against the Escarpment mine project that was held today in Christchurch, New Zealand:

- The Environment Court will hear the declaration on climate change in March (the **declaration hearing**);
- An additional pre-hearing conference will be held shortly after the declaration hearing at which time the Court will likely set the date for the hearing of the substantive appeal issues; and
- The parties are to submit an agreed Statement of Issues to the Court by the first week in March. On the basis of the agreed Statement of issues, Bathurst is aiming to provide its evidence to the Court by 1 June, 2012.

Commenting on the outcomes of today's pre-hearing, Bathurst's CEO Mr Bohannan said:

"We are pleased with the outcomes from today's pre-hearing, as the timing for the resolution of the appeals remains on track and we are hopeful for a hearing in the September quarter of 2012; the Environment Court is clearly giving the matter an appropriate level of urgency which is very encouraging".

On behalf of Bathurst Resources Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hamish Bohannan".

Hamish Bohannan
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

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