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Northern Abitibi Appoints Vice President of Exploration

Northern Abitibi Mining Corp. ("Northern Abitibi") is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Stephen Rowins as the new Vice President Exploration for the company.

Dr. Rowins has 20 years of diverse experience in ore deposit research and mineral exploration and has worked with numerous Junior and Major exploration companies as well as Universities and Research Centers. He spent 7 years as Assistant Professor of Economic Geology at the University of British Columbia and, most recently, held the position of Senior Research Scientist with the Mining and Minerals Division of the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Dr. Rowins has extensive exploration experience in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Chile, and Australia, in commodities including gold, silver, copper, molybdenum, lead, and zinc. Prior to his professorship at the University of British Columbia, he was an Exploration Project Geologist with Boliden Limited and Westmin Resources Limited. Dr. Rowins is active in numerous industry organizations and is currently an Associate Editor for the trade journal *Ore Geology Reviews* and is the incoming Vice Chair for the Geological Association of Canada's Mineral Deposits Division. He is a Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) registered in the provinces of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

The addition of Dr. Rowins to the exploration team is a major step for Northern Abitibi and his expertise and experience will be invaluable in the identification and evaluation of new exploration opportunities.

A total of 100,000 options at \$0.15 per share and an expiry date of May 8, 2012 have been granted to Dr. Rowins.

In other news Northern Abitibi has terminated its option on the Cold Springs property in Nevada so it can focus its resources on other exploration opportunities including its Taylor Brook Nickel-Copper-Cobalt-PGE prospect located in northwestern Newfoundland where the first phase of field work is scheduled to commence shortly.

"Shane Ebert"

Shane Ebert, P. Geol.
President and Director

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