RESOLUTE DOUBLES FY12 EXPLORATION BUDGET TO $20M

- Annual group exploration budget increased to $20 million in 2011/12 from $10 million in 2010/11
- High priority exploration targets identified at Syama in Mali and Ravenswood in Queensland

Resolute Mining Limited (ASX:RSG, “Resolute”) is pleased to advise that its Board of Directors has resolved to materially increase the Company’s exploration budget to $20 million in the current financial year.

The increase reflects Resolute’s strengthening balance sheet which has been underpinned by operating improvements at Syama. Should existing listed share options and convertible note debt be converted to equity by the end of December, Resolute would move to a position of being effectively ungeared with zero net debt. The listed options have an exercise price of 60 cents and the convertible notes have a conversion price of 50 cents.

Exploration spending will be primarily directed towards a number of areas around existing infrastructure. This includes the numerous both oxide and sulphide targets identified along the Syama Sheer to the north and south of the Syama pit and Mt Wright-style targets at the Welcome Breccia and Mt Success Projects near Ravenswood.

Current exploration activities at both Projects have been encouraging and Resolute will provide a full update of results in its June Quarter Report.

Resolute Chief Executive Officer Peter Sullivan said: "We are truly excited to be able to increase our investment in exploration as we believe we have a highly prospective tenement package with the potential to add long-term value for our shareholders."

PETER SULLIVAN

Chief Executive Officer

About Resolute:

Resolute is an unhedged gold miner with three operating mines in Africa and Australia. The Company is the second largest gold producer by volume listed on the ASX and has forecast FY12 production of 410,000oz at a cash cost of $730/oz. Resolute is targeting an increase in production from its flagship Syama project in Mali to 250,000oz of gold a year after an extended ramp-up and commissioning period. Resolute is currently investigating a number of opportunities to add value by increasing gold production and lowering operating costs at Syama and its Ravenswood operations in Queensland. The Company controls an extensive footprint in the highly prospective Syama Sheer and Greenstone Belts in Mali and Cote d'Ivoire. Resolute has identified a number of promising exploration targets at its Ravenswood operations and holds a number of exploration projects in Tanzania surrounding its Golden Pride mine.

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