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### **Mariana Resources Appoints New Non-Executive Director**

Mariana Resources Ltd ('Mariana' or 'the Company'), the AIM and TSX quoted exploration and development company focussed on Argentina and Chile, announces the appointment of Mr. J. Christopher Mitchell as Non-executive Director to the Board, effective from 22 July 2011. The appointment complements the Company's strategy of bolstering its Canadian exposure following its recent listing on the TSX.

Mr. Mitchell, BSc (Hons. Chem.), MSc (Metallurgy), MBA (Fin.), is a Vancouver based financial advisor to listed companies active in the mineral exploration and production arena. During a career spanning more than 40 years, he has served in senior executive positions with several listed mining companies. He currently serves as Chief Financial Officer of several TSX Venture Exchange listed companies and as a non-executive director of three junior mineral exploration companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. He is also principal of Adera Company Management Inc., which provides financial and administrative management services to smaller public companies.

Mariana's Chairman John Horsburgh said, "*His specific industry and Canadian experience will be invaluable to Mariana following our listing on TSX and as we look towards expansion of our Las Calandrias gold-silver resources in Argentina.*"

Chris. Mitchell, aged 70, is a director of the following TSX Venture Exchange listed companies:

- Endurance Gold Corporation
- First Point Minerals Corp.
- Skyline Gold Corporation

There are no other matters which are required to be announced with regard to this appointment under paragraph (g) of Schedule 2 of the AIM Rules.

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### **About Mariana Resources**

Mariana Resources Ltd is an AIM and TSX quoted exploration and development company with an extensive portfolio of gold, silver and copper projects in Argentina and Chile. In southern Argentina, in addition to the Las Calandrias gold-silver discovery, the Company has the Sierra Blanca silver-gold prospect (70%); the Los Amigos joint venture (49%) with Hochschild Mining and a 160,000 Ha land package (100%) in the country. All of these projects are located in the Deseado Massif epithermal gold-silver district in mining-friendly Santa Cruz province of southern Argentina, which hosts four mines and several advanced projects. In Chile, Mariana has a joint venture with US based international mining and natural resources company Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., to explore for iron oxide-copper-gold deposits ('IOCG') in a 92,000 km<sup>2</sup> area ("SCM Mariana Area") in north-central Chile along the highly prospective Atacama Fault Zone. The SCM Mariana Area includes the 44km<sup>2</sup> Buenaventura and 46km<sup>2</sup> Perro Chico IOCG projects. Mariana is also evaluating a number of gold-silver and copper-gold opportunities away from the Cliffs JV area, as part of a new initiative.

### **Safe Harbour**

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