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NORTHISLE TO START DRILLING HUSHAMU DEPOSIT IN JANUARY

VANCOUVER, B.C. Northisle Copper and Gold Inc. ("**Northisle**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that drilling at its Hushamu Deposit will begin in January. Recent exploration carried out by the Company, including re-logging of historical core and re-interpretation of the geology, shows the Hushamu deposit remains open to the north and south. The planned program will test for extensions of the mineralization in these directions with approximately 4,000 metres in 10 to 12 holes.

The Hushamu porphyry deposit was extensively drilled in the 1970s and 1980s and contains a historical resource of copper and gold with incomplete assay results showing appreciable molybdenum and rhenium present. Northisle is in the process of updating the Hushamu resource to bring it to current status. In addition to revising the geological model, historical core has been analysed for rhenium and, where missing, molybdenum which will be included in an updated resource estimate.

The Hushamu Deposit is the most advanced of six known porphyry copper, gold and molybdenum occurrences at the Island Copper-Gold Project. Induced polarization surveys covering these occurrences were partially completed in late 2011 and will resume in March when weather conditions permit.

About Northisle

Northisle is a Vancouver based junior resource company committed to the exploration and development of the Island Copper-Gold Project on Northern Vancouver Island. The Island Copper-Gold Project is situated approximately 15-40 kilometres southwest of Port Hardy and contains the Hushamu Deposit and five other partially explored copper-gold porphyry occurrences. A \$1.5 million exploration program at the Island Copper-Gold Project was initiated in August 2011.

For more information on Northisle and the Hushamu deposit please visit the Company's website at www.Northisle.ca.

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