

**Vancouver, British Columbia – April 30, 2012 – GoldQuest Mining Corp. (“GoldQuest” or the “Company”) (TSXV: GQC)** is pleased to announce that it has completed the sale of its Toral and Lago polymetallic exploration properties in North West Spain to Portex Minerals Inc. (“Portex”) (CNSX: PAX). Goldquest now owns 35% of Portex and is their largest shareholder.

Portex holds Toral, and also the Lagoa Salgada in Portugal, both of which have recently completed NI 43-101 resource calculations (see table below), positioning Portex as a significant base metals exploration and development company in SW Europe. GoldQuest believes that this approach to its Spanish base metal portfolio is in the best interests of its shareholders as Portex will develop its first class assets at no cash cost to GoldQuest.

Portex Shareholders approved the deal at the annual and special meeting of the shareholders held on March 22, 2012, and has issued 15,151,273 common shares to GoldQuest in consideration for the purchase of the entities which own the exploration licenses for the Toral and Lago properties. Portex and GoldQuest have entered into a shareholder’s agreement with respect to the GoldQuest shares.

"We are pleased that Portex will continue to develop their Spanish and Portuguese projects, and we believe that greater value will accrue to GoldQuest’s shareholders through this strategic investment in a dedicated, European base metal company" said GoldQuest CEO, Julio Espallat "Goldquest's primary focus remains in the gold sector, particularly in the Dominican Republic".

Table 1. Inventory of Assets in Portex Minerals Inc.

NI 43-101 Compliant Resource	Tonnes	Cu	Pb	Ag	Zn
<b>Toral*</b> - Indicated	4.04 Mt	0.11%	5.3%	41 g/t	6.5%
- Inferred	4.67 Mt	0.13%	4.4%	32 g/t	5.4%
<b>Lagoa Salgada**</b> - Indicated	2.94 Mt	0.34%	2.9%	55 g/t	3.4%
- Inferred	1.56 Mt	0.35%	2.5%	51 g/t	1.8%

\* at a 7 % PbZnEQ cut-off (See GoldQuest Release March 2nd 2011)

\*\* at a 3.5 % ZnEQ cut-off (See Portex News Release January 3th 2012)

### **About GoldQuest**

GoldQuest is a Vancouver based mineral exploration company with projects in Spain and the Dominican Republic traded on the TSX-V under the symbol GQC.V and in Frankfurt / Berlin with the symbol M1W, with 110,108,601 shares outstanding and 126,776,851 on a fully diluted basis.

The information in this press release has been approved by Mr. William Fisher, P. Geo., a qualified person for the technical information in this press release under NI 43-101 standards and the Chairman and a director of GoldQuest Mining Corp. Paul Daigle, P. Geo of Tetra Tech is the Qualified Person responsible for the referenced disclosure in the Technical Report entitled "Lagoa Salgada Project, Portugal-Resource

Estimate Update", dated January 9, 2012, available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), in conformance with NI

43-101 standards.

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