



## **Transition Metals Director Jon Baird Recognized with Industry Awards**

**Sudbury, May 9, 2013** - Transition Metals Corp. (XTM – TSX.V) (“Transition”) is pleased to share the news that Jon Baird, one of Transition’s Directors, has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Canadian mining industry and been awarded the Vale Medal by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM), and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The Vale Medal is presented by CIM as a mark of distinction and recognition to the person who has made a meritorious and practical contribution of outstanding importance to the mining and metallurgical industry of Canada. It has been awarded annually since 1933, and Jon joins a long list of other distinguished mining leaders including Pierre Lassonde (Franco-Nevada), Norman Keevil (Teck), and Frank Pickard (Falconbridge).

Jon was also awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference in March. The medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, and serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. PDAC was invited to nominate 21 people for their outstanding contribution to the PDAC and the Canadian mineral industry. Many of those honoured have been presidents of PDAC, and among them was Jon Baird.

**“Jon is an accomplished and successful explorer, marketer and industry executive,”** said Scott McLean, CEO of Transition Metals. **“His long-term vision, commitment and leadership are exemplary, and we’re proud to have him on our board.”**

Jon is a Canadian-born professional engineer, who graduated in geophysics from the University of Toronto in 1964. His business career has spanned 28 years with Scintrex Limited, a Toronto-based consultant and manufacturer of instrumentation used in mineral exploration and other applications. Responsible for the marketing and selling of Scintrex’ products and services for over 20 years, Baird led a worldwide campaign which helped make the company a world leader in its field. Since 1993, Baird has been the managing director of CAMESE, the Canadian Association of Mining Equipment and Services for Export. He has also served on the board of directors of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada from 1995 to 2010 and was president of that organization from 2008 to 2010. He was a founding board member and first treasurer of the Canada Mining Innovation Council. Baird has visited 71 countries on business and speaks several languages. He is interested in marketing, geopolitics and global issues. He is happily married to Martha who has supported and assisted him throughout his career, and resides in the country, north-east of Toronto.

### **About Transition Metals Corp**

Transition Metals Corp (XTM -TSX.V) is a Canadian-based, gold-focused project generator that specializes in converting new exploration ideas into Canadian discoveries. The team has over 60 years of collective exploration experience in the established, emerging and historic mining camps of northern Ontario, and actively develops and tests new ideas for discovering gold mineralization in places that others have not looked, which often allows the company to acquire properties inexpensively. The team is rigorous in its fieldwork, and combines traditional techniques with newer ones to help unearth compelling prospects and drill targets. Transition’s business model is to acquire and advance multiple grassroots exploration projects simultaneously, thereby maximizing



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shareholder exposure to discovery and capital gain. Joint venture partners fund a significant portion of higher-risk drilling and exploration, allowing Transition to conserve capital and minimize shareholder's equity dilution. The company, which went public in 2011, has an expanding portfolio that currently includes 11 early stage gold projects in Ontario and British Columbia, two additional gold properties that are being explored by partners, and one sediment hosted copper project in Saskatchewan.

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