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## El Niño Ventures Inc. Proceeding with \$1,500,000 Non-Brokered Private Placement

February 2, 2012 Vancouver, Canada – El Niño Ventures Inc. (“ELN” and the “Company”) (TSX.V: ELN; Frankfurt: E7Q; OTCQX: ELNOF) announces that further to its news release dated November 21, 2011, the Company will be proceeding with its non-brokered flow-through and non flow-through private placement of up to 10,000,000 units for gross proceeds up to \$1,500,000.

Each non flow-through unit (“NFT Unit”) at a price of \$0.13 per NFT Unit will consist of one common share and one-half of one non-transferable share purchase warrant (“Warrant”). Each whole Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.23 per share for 18 months from closing, subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange.

Each flow-through unit (“FT Unit”) will consist of one common flow-through share in the capital of the Company and one-half of one non flow-through share purchase warrant at a price of \$0.15 per FT Unit. Each whole warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase one additional non flow-through common share of the Company at \$0.25 for a period of 18 months from closing subject to an accelerated expiry, such expiry being accelerated to 30 days in the event the Company's shares have closed at or above a price of \$0.40 per share for 10 consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange.

The proceeds of this private placement will be used to fund the 2012 exploration budget at the Murray Brook Polymetallic project in Bathurst, New Brunswick and general working capital.

The Company may pay finder's fees in connection with this private placement as permitted by applicable securities laws and the TSX Venture Exchange. All of the securities to be issued by the Company in connection with this private placement will be subject to a hold period which expires four months and a day after the closing date.

The closing of the private placement is subject to approval from the TSX Venture Exchange.

### About El Niño Ventures Inc.:

El Niño Ventures Inc. is an international exploration company, focused on exploring for lead, zinc, copper, gold and silver in New Brunswick, Canada and copper in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”).

## **Murray Brook Project**

In January 2011, ELN announced that it has provided notice to Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. (Votorantim) to enter into a Participation Agreement on the Murray Brook Massive Sulphide Polymetallic deposit situated in the Bathurst Mining Camp in New Brunswick, Canada. (See press release dated January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011).

**The first phase of the 2011 drill program was completed in spring/summer 2011 and significant intersections of zinc, copper, lead, gold and silver were reported. The second phase of the drilling program was initiated in September 2011 and results are expected before year end. (See press release dated August 30, 2011). The Murray Brook 2012 Exploration program budget is currently set at \$2.5 Million. This program will consist of a multi phase drill program and a NI43-101 resource estimate with preliminary tonnage and grade calculations to be completed in Q1-Q2 2012.**

## **Bathurst Tri Party Agreement**

Also in the Bathurst Mining Camp, El Niño has an additional project whereby it holds a 50% interest in an extensive base metal deposit. Located within the Bathurst Mining Camp in Bathurst, New Brunswick, earlier drilling campaigns have been carried out on several historical deposits of lead, zinc and copper mineralization within the large claim block owned 50% ELN, 50% Xstrata Zinc. El Niño subsequently entered into an option agreement with Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. and Xstrata Zinc Canada (The Bathurst Tri Party Agreement) whereby Votorantim may earn a 50% interest in El Niño's landholdings by expending \$10 million over 5 years and may further increase its interest in El Niño's landholdings to 70% by expending an additional \$10 million over a further two years. (Please see press release dated February 23, 2011 ).

ELN's management is negotiating to acquire additional projects on an international scale that meet our corporate objectives.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

“John Oness”

John Oness, COO & Director

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