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## PRESS RELEASE

### Celtic Minerals Ltd. Crater Mountain Update

CNSX-CWE

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**Toronto, Ontario December 28, 2011** – Celtic Minerals Ltd. (CWE:CNSX) wishes to announce that arbitration has commenced with Triple Plate Junction PLC (TPJ:LSE) regarding the respective ownership interests in the Crater Mountain project currently being operated by Gold Anomaly Limited (GOA:ASX). Located in PNG, the Crater Mountain project comprises 307 sq km divided between three exploration licenses. Gold Anomaly has been drilling actively for the past 12 months and has recently announced the completion of a maiden inferred resource estimate of 24Mt at 1.0 g/t gold, using a 0.5 g/t cut-off grade for 790,000 ounces. The reader should note that this resource estimate is not 43-101 compliant, as it is calculated in accordance with the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves guidelines utilized by the Australian Stock Exchange. The full body of Gold Anomaly's release can be accessed at: (use Ctrl Click)

<http://www.goldanomaly.com.au/IRM/Company/ShowPage.aspx/PDFs/1793-94007967/CraterMountainInitialResourceEstimate>

Celtic's involvement in Crater Mountain dates back to January 2004, when it signed a Joint Venture Agreement with New Guinea Gold Corporation (NGG:TSXV) and Macmin (PNG) Limited, under which it could earn up to a 75% interest in the project. Subsequently, in July 2004 Celtic entered into a Joint Venture Agreement with TPJ in which TPJ could earn a 68% interest of Celtic's interest in the project, which would equate to a 51% interest in the project. TPJ was recognized as earning in on August 31, 2007, by virtue of letters to the Mineral Resources Authority of PNG from Celtic, Macmin and New Guinea Gold. At that point, Macmin and New Guinea Gold had been diluted to a 13.75% interest in the project. Subsequent to its earn-in TPJ entered into a Joint Venture Agreement with Anomaly Resources Ltd., the predecessor to Gold Anomaly. In order to enter into this Agreement TPJ requested and received a waiver from both Celtic and New Guinea Gold on their right to match Anomaly Resources offer to TPJ. Celtic provided this waiver of their right of first refusal on September 1, 2007.

It should be emphasized that Celtic was not a party to this agreement between Gold Anomaly and TPJ, and did not consent to vend any of its interest, nor did it ever receive any portion of the Gold Anomaly equity received by TPJ. TPJ has taken the position that Celtic's interest has been diluted through additional exploration expenditures, despite the fact that Celtic has not been cash called for these prior expenditures in accordance with the joint venture operating procedures within the original Agreements. Given TPJ's stance and their statement that they were going to re-register the respective property interests in Crater Mountain, Celtic placed a caveat on the three exploration licenses that comprise the Crater

Mountain property to ensure that its interest was protected. Celtic management is confident that the arbitration process will clarify the fact that Celtic holds an undiluted interest in Crater Mountain.

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The estimates provided are not necessarily in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“**NI 43-101**”) and the Corporation provides no assurance that such estimates should be relied upon. Moreover, work required to verify and classify the historical resource and reserve estimates as current mineral resources or minerals reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 has not been carried out by the Corporation and the Corporation is not treating these estimates as current mineral resources or mineral reserves as defined in sections 1.2 and 1.3 of NI 43-101. Finally, the Corporation does not make any representation or warranties as to the accuracy of such estimates. Dr. Wayne Ewert, Ph.D., P.Geol is the qualified person who has reviewed and verified the technical contents of this news release. Dr. Wayne Ewert is a qualified person who is not independent as Dr. Ewert is a director of the Company.

**Forward Looking Statements:**

Certain information set forth in this news release contains forward-looking statements or information (“**forward-looking statements**”). Although the forward-looking statements contained in this press release reflect management's current beliefs based upon information currently available to management and based upon what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Corporation cannot be certain that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. In particular, this release contains forward looking information relating to the execution of the purchase and sale agreement and completion of the transaction contemplated in the purchase and sale agreement. A number of factors could cause events and achievements to differ materially from the results expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements necessarily involve significant known and unknown risks, assumptions and uncertainties that may cause the Corporation's actual results, event, prospects and opportunities to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although the Corporation has attempted to identify important risks and factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors and risks that cause actions, events or results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Any forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this press release, and the Corporation assumes no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, unless otherwise required by law.