

**21 December 2012****BOART LONGYEAR RESTRUCTURING UPDATE**

- **US\$70 Million of Overhead Cost Reductions Completed**
- **Additional Direct Costs Taken Out of Business**

Boart Longyear Limited (**ASX:BLY**) – As announced last month, the Company has moved swiftly over the last three months to reduce overhead costs across the business by US\$70 million. “I am pleased to announce that we have met our goal,” said Chairman and Interim Chief Executive Officer of Boart Longyear David McLemore, “thanks to the concerted efforts of our team. While we have completed our stated cost saving initiative, we continue to review opportunities to further rationalize our overhead cost structure.

The business continues to track to our November guidance and we have coordinated changes in Drilling Services revenues with direct cost reductions. Since the peak in the middle of this year, we have reduced overall global headcount by approximately 2500 direct and overhead employees.”

The company will provide further updates as appropriate. Full year results will be announced on or about February 18, 2013.

**About Boart Longyear**

With over 120 years of expertise, Boart Longyear is the world’s leading provider of drilling services and products for the mining industry. It also has a substantial drilling and products presence in mine de-watering, environmental sampling, energy and oil sands exploration.

Boart Longyear is a global company headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: BLY) in Sydney, Australia. Sales in 2011 were over US\$2.0 billion, and the company employs over 9,000 employees worldwide. Contract drilling services are conducted in over 40 countries, and exploration products are manufactured in seven global factories and sold to customers in over 100 countries.

More information about Boart Longyear can be found on the Internet at [www.boartlongyear.com](http://www.boartlongyear.com). To get Boart Longyear news direct, visit <http://www.boartlongyear.com/rssfeed>.

**Contact:****Jay Clement**

Vice President, Investor Relations/Treasury  
Australia 08 8375 8300  
USA +1 801 401 3712  
[ir@boartlongyear.com](mailto:ir@boartlongyear.com)