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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 15F

CERTIFICATION OF A FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER'S TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION
OF A CLASS OF SECURITIES UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934 OR ITS TERMINATION OF THE DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTION
13(a) OR SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number: 000-54543

Mercator Minerals Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**1050-625 Howe Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2T6
(604) 716-5582**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of
registrant's principal executive offices)

Common Shares, without par value

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

Place an X in the appropriate box(es) to indicate the provision(s) relied upon to terminate the duty to file reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Rule 12h-6(a)
(for equity securities)

Rule 12h-6(c)
(for debt securities)

Rule 12h-6(d)
(for successor registrants)

Rule 12h-6(i)
(for prior Form 15 filers)

PART I

Item 1. Exchange Act Reporting History

A. Mercator Minerals Ltd. (the “Company”) incurred a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on January 8, 2012.

B. The Company has filed all reports required under Exchange Act Section 13(a) and corresponding Securities and Exchange Commission rules for the 12 months preceding the filing of this Form, and has filed at least one annual report under Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2. Recent United States Market Activity

The Company’s common shares have never been sold in the United States in a registered offering under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 3. Foreign Listing and Primary Trading Market

A. The Company maintains a listing of its common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) located in Canada.

B. The date of initial listing of the Company’s common shares on the TSX was August 22, 2005. The Company has maintained a listing of its common shares on the TSX for at least 12 months preceding the filing of this Form.

C. During the recent 12-month period beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 trading on the TSX in Canada constituted 100% of the trading of the Company’s common shares outside the United States.

Item 4. Comparative Trading Volume Data

A. The average daily trading volumes of the Company’s common shares have been measured for the period beginning on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2012.

B. The average daily trading volume of the Company’s common shares in the United States for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 was 13,928 common shares. The average daily trading volume of the Company’s common shares on a worldwide basis for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 was 1,260,605 common shares.

C. The average daily trading volume of the Company’s common shares in the United States for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 was 1.1% of the average daily trading volume of the Company’s common shares on a worldwide basis for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Item 5. Alternative Record Holder Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Debt Securities

Not applicable.

Item 7. Notice Requirement

A. The Company published the notice required by Rule 12h-6(h) disclosing its intent to terminate its duty to file reports under section 13(a) of the Exchange Act on **January 8, 2013**.

B. The notice was disseminated in the United States by **MarketWire**.

Item 8. Prior Form 15 Filers

Not applicable.

PART II**Item 9. Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption**

The Company will publish the information required under Rule 12g3-2(b)(1)(iii) on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at its website: <http://www.sedar.com>.

PART III**Item 10. Exhibits**

99.1. Press release dated January 8, 2013

Item 11. Undertakings

The undersigned issuer hereby undertakes to withdraw this Form 15F if, at any time before the effectiveness of its termination of reporting under Rule 12h-6, it has actual knowledge of information that causes it reasonably to believe that, at the time of filing the Form 15F:

- (1) The average daily trading volume of its subject class of securities in the United States exceeded 5 percent of the average daily trading volume of that class of securities on a worldwide basis for the same recent 12-month period that the issuer used for purposes of Rule 12h-6(a)(4)(i);
- (2) Its subject class of securities was held of record by 300 or more United States residents or 300 or more persons worldwide, if proceeding under Rule 12h-6(a)(4)(ii) or Rule 12h-6(c); or
- (3) It otherwise did not qualify for termination of its Exchange Act reporting obligations under Rule 12h-6.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mercator Minerals Ltd., has duly authorized the undersigned person to sign on its behalf this certification on Form 15F. In so doing, Mercator Minerals Ltd., certifies that, as represented on this Form, it has complied with all of the conditions set forth in Rule 12h-6 for terminating its registration under section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, or its duty to file reports under section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, or both.

Mercator Minerals Ltd.

Dated: January 9, 2013

By: /s/ "Marc S. LeBlanc"

Name: Marc S. LeBlanc

Title: Corporate Secretary



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NEWS RELEASE

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MERCATOR MINERALS ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO TERMINATE SEC REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Vancouver, BC, January 8, 2013 – **Mercator Minerals Ltd. (TSX: ML)** – Mercator Minerals Ltd. (“Mercator” or the “Company”) today announces that the Board of Directors has unanimously approved the voluntary filing of the Form 15F with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) to terminate its SEC reporting obligations and the registration of its common shares under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”).

Under SEC rules, a foreign private issuer such as the Company may deregister a class of its securities under the Exchange Act, and terminate the associated reporting obligations, if, among other conditions, the average daily trading volume of the class of securities in the United States for a recent 12 month period has been not greater than 5% of the average daily trading volume of that class of securities on a worldwide basis.

The Company believes that the costs associated with continuing the registration of its common shares under the Exchange Act, including the costs associated with complying with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, exceed the benefits received by the Company from maintaining its registration.

The Company expects that termination of the registration of its common shares will become effective 90 days after the date of filing of the Form 15F with the SEC. However, as a result of the filing of a Form 15F, the Company’s obligation to file certain reports with the SEC will be immediately suspended.

The Company will continue to meet its Canadian continuous disclosure obligations through filings with the applicable Canadian securities regulators. All of the Company’s filings can be found at the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at www.sedar.com. The Company is current with all of its filings in both Canada and the United States and is currently in full compliance with the internal control and related provisions of Canadian securities laws.

The termination of the SEC reporting obligations will not have an impact on the trading of its securities on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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On Behalf of the Board of Directors
MERCATOR MINERALS LTD.
 D. Bruce McLeod, P.Eng
 President and CEO



About Mercator Minerals Ltd.

Mercator Minerals Ltd., a TSX listed Canadian mining company with one of the fastest growing base metal profiles in its peer group, is a leading copper, molybdenum and silver producer with a diversified portfolio of high quality operations and projects in the USA and Mexico. Mercator provides investors exposure to current copper, molybdenum and silver production from the large tonnage long life Mineral Park Mine in Arizona, as well as mid-term exposure to copper at the El Pilar deposit in northern Mexico and longer term exposure of molybdenum and copper through the development of the El Creston deposit in northern Mexico.

Forward Looking Statements

This news release includes "forward looking statements", as that term is defined in Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the United States Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Statements in this news release which are not purely historical are forward looking statements, including without limitation any statements concerning the Company's intentions, plans, estimates, expectations, beliefs regarding the future and the timing for effectiveness of the Form 15F. Although the Company believes that any forward looking statements in this news release are reasonable, there can be no assurance that any such forward looking statements will prove to be accurate. The Company cautions readers that all forward looking statements, including without limitation those relating to the Company's future operations and business prospects, are based on assumptions none of which can be assured, and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward looking statements. Readers are advised to rely on their own evaluation of such risks and uncertainties and should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements.

Any forward looking statements are made as of the date of this news release, and the Company assumes no obligation to update the forward looking statements, or to update the reasons why actual events or results could or do differ from those projected in the forward looking statements. Except as required by law, the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

