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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January, 2013

Commission File Number 001-14598

RICHMONT MINES INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

161, avenue Principale, Rouyn-Noranda (Quebec) J9X 4P6

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Exhibit

[99.1 News Release Dated January 9, 2013](#)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Richmont Mines Inc.

(Registrant)

Date January 9, 2013

By Nicole Veilleux (signed)

(Signature)*

Nicole Veilleux

Financial Director

* Print the name and title under the signature of the signing officer.





PRESS RELEASE

Richmont Mines Inc., 1501 McGill College Avenue, Suite 2930, Montreal, QC H3A 3M8 Canada

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RICHMONT MINES INC. RECEIVES MINING PERMIT FOR MONIQUE GOLD PROJECT

MONTREAL, Quebec, Canada, January 9, 2013 - Richmont Mines Inc. (TSX - NYSE MKT: RIC) (“Richmont” or the “Corporation”) is pleased to announce that it has received the required mining permits for its 100%-owned Monique Gold Project located in Val-d’Or, Quebec.

The Corporation will begin overburden removal shortly, with a view to extracting a 5,000 tonne bulk sample to be processed at its 100%-owned Camflo Mill in 2013. If the results from the bulk sampling phase are favourable, open pit mining and milling would proceed over the following 2 year period, the approval for which is inclusive in the permit. The open pit phase could potentially be followed by an underground phase, for which a permit amendment would need to be obtained.

The Monique Gold Project currently contains Indicated Resources of 728,164 tonnes at a grade of 2.35 g/t, or 55,112 ounces¹ and is located approximately 50 km from the Corporation’s Camflo Mill. Should the bulk sample phase yield positive results, a commercial production decision would be made following a reserve calculation and ore from Monique would be mined and processed at the Camflo Mill along with ore from the Corporation’s Beaufor Mine and bulk sample material from the W Zone project. In the event the Monique and W Zone projects proceed beyond the bulk sampling phase to commercial production, Richmont’s Camflo Mill would operate at near capacity, thus allowing for improved efficiency and lower unit costs.

Mr. Paul Carmel, President and CEO of Richmont Mines, commented: “The potential addition of Monique to Richmont’s operating mines is consistent with our strategy to increase the mine life and resources of our Quebec asset base by bringing on additional sources of ore for our Camflo Mill. Each additional source must fulfill investment return criteria established by management, and we continue to evaluate other potential asset acquisitions that fit this strategy.”

About Richmont Mines Inc.

Richmont Mines has produced over 1,300,000 ounces of gold from its operations in Quebec, Ontario and Newfoundland since beginning production in 1991. The Corporation currently produces gold from its Island Gold Mine in Ontario and Beaufor Mine in Quebec. With extensive experience in gold exploration, development and mining, the Corporation is well positioned to cost-effectively build its Canadian reserve base through a combination of organic growth, strategic acquisitions and partnerships. Richmont routinely posts news and other important information on its website (www.richmont-mines.com).

¹ As defined in 43-101 Technical Report filed on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) on February 3, 2012.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements that include risks and uncertainties. When used in this news release, the words "estimate", "project", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "believe", "hope", "may" and similar expressions, as well as "will", "shall" and other ns of future tense, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and apply only as of the date on which they were made.

The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements include changes in the prevailing price of gold, the Canadian-United States exchange rate, grade of ore mined and unforeseen difficulties in mining operations that could affect revenue and production costs. Other factors such as uncertainties regarding government regulations could also affect the results. Other risks may be set out in Richmond Mines' Annual Information Form, Annual Reports and periodic reports.

Regulation 43-101 ("R 43-101")

The geological data in this news release has been reviewed by Mr. Daniel Adam, Geo., Ph.D, Exploration General Manager, an employee of Richmond Mines Inc., and a qualified person as defined by R 43-101.

Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Concerning Resource Estimates

Information in this press release is intended to comply with the requirements of the Toronto Stock Exchange and applicable Canadian securities legislation, which differ in certain respects with the rules and regulations promulgated under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), as promulgated by the SEC. The reserve and resource estimates in this press release were prepared in accordance with R 43-101 adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators. The requirements of R 43-101 differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

U.S. Investors are urged to consider the disclosure in our annual report on Form 20-F, File No. 001-14598, as filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act, which may be obtained from us (without cost) or from the SEC's web site: <http://sec.gov/edgar.shtml>.

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