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Buenaventura Announces Contractors Strike at Orcopampa Mine

Lima, Peru, October 12, 2012 - Compañía de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A. ("the Company" or "Buenaventura") (NYSE: BVN; Lima Stock Exchange: BUE.LM), announced today that the Orcopampa Contractors Union began a strike within the frame of the annual negotiations. This work stoppage started to affect production on Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

The Peruvian Ministry of Labor has denied the proceeding of this strike at first instance. However, negotiations are progressing and the Company believes that this issue can be solved in short order.

The Company will keep the market updated with regards to any developments or changes as they occur.

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Company Description

Compañía de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A. is Peru's largest, publicly traded, Precious Metals Company and a major holder of mining rights in Peru. The Company is engaged in the mining, processing, development and exploration of gold and silver and other metals via wholly owned mines as well as through its participation in joint exploration projects.

Buenaventura currently operates several mines in Peru (Orcopampa*, Poracota*, Uchucchacua*, Antapite*, Julcani*, Recuperada*, El Brocal, La Zanja, Coimolache and CEDIMIN*).

The Company owns 43.65% of Minera Yanacocha S.R.L (a partnership with Newmont Mining Corporation), an important precious metal producer; 19.56% of Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde, an important Peruvian copper producer, and 49% of Canteras del Hallazgo S.A, owner the Chucapaca project.

For a printed version of the Company's 2011 Form 20-F, please contact the persons indicated above, or download a PDF format file from the Company's web site.

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