



## **Commerce Resources Corp. Intersects 2.47% TREO over 123.41 metres, and Continues to Expand Middle and Heavy Rare Earth Element Enrichment at the Ashram Deposit, Northern Quebec**

**December 7, 2011 - Commerce Resources Corp.** (TSXv: CCE, FSE: D7H, OTCQX: CMRZF) (the “Company” or “Commerce”) is pleased to report the results for an additional eleven drill holes completed during the summer/fall exploration program at the Ashram Rare Earth Element (“REE”) Deposit at the Eldor Project in northern Quebec. A total of thirty-three drill holes were completed with assays pending for eighteen.

The summer/fall program continued to return lengthy intersections of REE mineralization, including several lying outside of the area used to calculate the initial NI 43-101 resource estimate. Highlights are as follows:

- Drill Hole EC11-064: **491.05 metres of 2.04% Total Rare Earth Oxides (“TREO”)**
- Drill Hole EC11-068: **218.74 metres of 2.20% TREO**
- Drill Hole EC11-059: **123.41 metres of 2.47% TREO**

The rare earth mineralized footprint at Ashram now extends approximately 700 metres along strike, over 500 metres across, and to depths exceeding 600 metres. Mineralization remains open to the north, south, at depth, and is not fully constrained to the west and east.

### **Expanded Middle and Heavy Rare Earth Enrichment**

The Middle and Heavy Rare Earth Oxide (“MHREO”) enriched zone continues to expand at Ashram with significant intersections returned from EC11-062, 063, 073, and 074 that extend the zone approximately 100 metres to the southeast of EC10-047. The Zone continues to remain at or near surface, and typically ranges from 10-20% MHREO at 1.20-1.80% TREO with peak individual sample values of >20% MHREO not uncommon.

Highlights of this Middle and Heavy Rare Earth enrichment zone include **EC11-062 with 43.32 metres of 13.1% MHREO, EC11-63 with 72.45 metres of 12.7% MHREO, EC11-073 with 52.02 metres of 14.9% MHREO, and EC11-074 with 4.51 metres of 15.0% MHREO and 39.94 metres of 10.4% MHREO.**

A map showing the drill hole locations and detailed analytical results will be posted on the Company's website at: <http://www.commerceresources.com/s/Eldor.asp>



Complete results are as follows:

| Strike/Dip (°) | Drill Hole        | From (m) | To (m) | Interval (m)  | TREO (%)    | MHREO (% of TREO) | Neodymium Oxide (% of TREO) |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 230/45         | <b>EC11-058</b>   | 2.95     | 60.10  | 57.15         | 1.83        | 6.3               | 14.7                        |
|                | incl.             | 14.22    | 52.50  | 38.28         | 2.10        | 5.5               | 13.8                        |
|                | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 2.95     | 14.22  | 11.27         | 1.31        | 10.2              | 16.2                        |
| 0/90           | <b>EC11-059</b>   | 0.68     | 289.29 | <b>288.61</b> | <b>2.03</b> | 5.4               | 15.6                        |
|                | incl.             | 34.14    | 157.55 | <b>123.41</b> | <b>2.47</b> | 4.6               | 14.3                        |
|                | or                | 119.76   | 157.55 | 37.79         | 2.69        | 3.8               | 13.8                        |
|                | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 0.68     | 32.20  | 31.52         | 1.61        | 11.2              | 18.9                        |
| 230/45         | <b>EC11-060</b>   | 4.57     | 61.03  | 56.46         | 2.05        | 6.6               | 15.5                        |
|                | incl.             | 32.00    | 61.03  | 29.03         | 2.24        | 5.5               | 15.1                        |
|                | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 23.79    | 32.00  | 8.21          | 1.49        | 11.4              | 17.6                        |
| 230/75         | <b>EC11-061</b>   | 4.03     | 166.27 | 162.24        | 1.48        | 7.0               | 18.1                        |
|                | incl.             | 4.03     | 72.85  | 68.82         | 1.72        | 8.0               | 17.6                        |
|                | Incl.             | 149.04   | 166.27 | 17.23         | 2.37        | 3.7               | 14.2                        |
| 230/45         | <b>EC11-062</b>   | 4.20     | 130.53 | 126.33        | 1.49        | 9.4               | 18.2                        |
|                | incl.             | 74.14    | 103.12 | 28.98         | 1.88        | 6.7               | 16.0                        |
|                | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 4.20     | 47.52  | 43.32         | 1.40        | 13.1              | 20.3                        |
| 230/75         | <b>EC11-063</b>   | 3.89     | 219.38 | 215.49        | 1.78        | 7.6               | 16.6                        |
|                | incl.             | 76.34    | 158.32 | 81.98         | 2.05        | 6.4               | 15.7                        |
|                | Incl.             | 201.00   | 209.75 | 8.75          | 3.03        | 2.7               | 11.8                        |
|                | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 3.89     | 76.34  | 72.45         | 1.41        | 12.7              | 19.0                        |
| 0/90           | <b>EC11-064</b>   | 2.87     | 493.92 | <b>491.05</b> | <b>2.04</b> | 5.8               | 15.9                        |
|                | incl.             | 357.86   | 389.00 | 31.14         | 2.66        | 4.0               | 14.1                        |
|                | Incl.             | 442.00   | 454.64 | 12.64         | 3.00        | 3.4               | 13.6                        |
|                | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 92.07    | 96.21  | 4.14          | 1.86        | 12.6              | 18.9                        |
| 320/45         | <b>EC11-065</b>   | 3.85     | 114.77 | 110.92        | 1.67        | 6.8               | 17.0                        |
|                | incl.             | 3.85     | 42.41  | 38.56         | 1.89        | 7.0               | 16.1                        |
|                | incl.             | 67.72    | 92.00  | 24.28         | 2.15        | 3.9               | 14.0                        |



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|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------------|------|------|
|        | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 42.41  | 52.23  | 9.82          | 1.09        | 16.0 | 28.2 |
| 225/45 | <b>EC11-068</b>   | 272.13 | 562.16 | 290.03        | 1.95        | 5.0  | 15.9 |
|        | incl.             | 277.53 | 496.27 | <b>218.74</b> | <b>2.20</b> | 4.7  | 15.2 |
|        | or                | 419.15 | 460.11 | 40.96         | 2.54        | 4.2  | 14.6 |
| 230/45 | <b>EC11-073</b>   | 3.41   | 135.74 | 132.33        | 1.75        | 8.8  | 17.0 |
|        | incl.             | 71.80  | 108.95 | 37.15         | 2.24        | 6.0  | 14.9 |
|        | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 3.41   | 55.43  | 52.02         | 1.32        | 14.9 | 20.1 |
| 230/45 | <b>EC11-074</b>   | 4.07   | 140.19 | 136.12        | 1.79        | 7.4  | 17.0 |
|        | incl.             | 7.55   | 37.89  | 30.34         | 2.06        | 7.5  | 16.1 |
|        | incl.             | 78.94  | 120.65 | 41.71         | 2.23        | 5.2  | 15.0 |
|        | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 4.07   | 8.58   | 4.51          | 1.42        | 15.0 | 19.2 |
|        | <i>MHREO Zone</i> | 37.89  | 77.83  | 39.94         | 1.47        | 10.4 | 19.7 |

\* All samples were analyzed by Activation Laboratories of Ancaster, ON using its method eight -- major oxide, rare earths and trace element package by fusion ICP and ICP/MS in addition to fluorine by method 4F-F. The four most abundant REEs that make up the TREO reported above are cerium, lanthanum / neodymium and praseodymium.

\* Drill holes EC11-058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, 073, and 074 are BTW in size. Drill holes EC11-064, 065, and 068 are NQ in size. The true width of drill intersections is not confirmed. Strikes and dips are idealized as spotted.

Drill holes EC11-058 through 063, 073, and 074 all collared in mineralization while targeting the western contact of the deposit as well as probing the extent of the MHREO enriched zone. Drill holes EC11-064, 065, and 068 probed the northern extensions of the deposit with both EC11-064 and 065 collaring in mineralization. EC11-068 collared in calico-carbonatite while grading into highly mineralized magnesio-carbonatite at depth.

Further, the Ashram Zone has a marked enrichment in europium that ranks among the highest known worldwide. Most non-lateritic carbonatites typically contain a standard distribution (generally <0.40%) in europium compared with the other rare earths. However, Ashram is enriched with europium within the overall deposit (0.52%) and considerably so within the central MHREO Zone where it may exceed 1.2% of the total REO content over significant widths (e.g. EC10-047 and EC11-056). This is in stark contrast to most alkaline and per-alkaline hosted deposits that typically have a deficiency in europium, as it tends to be partitioned into the feldspars during crystallization. Carbonatites systems, such as Eldor, lack feldspar and are not subject to this process. Besides europium, the Ashram Deposit is considerably enriched in dysprosium, and neodymium (neodymium consistently exceeds 15% of the TREO) which compare favorably with other advanced rare earth deposits.



### **Further Results to Come**

The 2011 summer/fall field program concluded on December 1, with the demobilization of the final crew from camp. A total of 33 holes (10,120 metres) were completed with 26 holes (9,012 metres) at the Ashram Rare Earth Zone, and 7 holes (1,108 metres) at regional targets. Analytical results from the remaining holes will be reported in batches as they are received. Data compilation of regional results is underway as well as, metallurgical, mineralogical, and environmental studies on the Ashram Deposit in preparation for a Preliminary Economic Assessment (“PEA”).

The Eldor Property is located in northern Quebec approximately 130 kilometres south of the town of Kuujjuaq and 100 kilometres north of Adriana Resources Inc.'s Lac Otelnuq Iron Deposit. The property is 100%-owned by the Company and encompasses 404 claims totaling approximately 19,006 hectares.

### **NI 43-101 Disclosure**

Darren L. Smith, M.Sc., P.Geol., a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, supervised the preparation of the technical information in this news release.

Middle and Heavy Rare Earth Oxides (“MHREO”) is defined as the sum of the middle rare earth oxides ( $\text{Sm}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$ ) and the heavy rare earth oxides ( $\text{Tb}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Dy}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Ho}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Tm}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Yb}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Lu}_2\text{O}_3$ ) plus  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  expressed as a percent out of the TREO content.

Total Rare Earth Oxides (“TREO”) include:  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Pr}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Nd}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Sm}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Tb}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Dy}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Ho}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Tm}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Yb}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Lu}_2\text{O}_3$ , and  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ .

### **About Commerce Resources Corp.**

Commerce Resources Corp. is focused on building shareholder value through the discovery and development of Canadian rare metal and rare earth element deposits. Commerce’s principal assets are its Blue River Tantalum-Niobium Project in British Columbia and its Eldor Rare Earth Project in Quebec. The Company trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “CCE”, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol “D7H” and the U.S. OTCQX under the symbol “CMRZF.”

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