## Lumina Intersects 730 Meters Grading 0.57% Copper Equivalent in 150 Meter Step Out Hole to the Northeast

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## Includes 156 Meters Grading 0.90% Copper Equivalent

VANCOUVER, 08/03/12 - <u>Lumina Copper Corp.</u> (TSX VENTURE: LCC) (the "Company") is pleased to announce results from 15 new core holes, 15 new reverse circulation holes ("RC") and oxide gold assay results from 11 previously drilled holes whose leached cap core material was not assayed. The results are highlighted by hole TT-104, a 150 meter step-out hole to the east from hole TT-79 that previously defined the northeastern boundary of the current National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") mineral resource estimate. TT-104 intersected 730 meters grading 0.46% copper, 0.08 g/t gold and 0.01% molybdenum (0.57% copper equivalent(1)), including 156 meters grading 0.78% copper, 0.10 g/t gold and 0.01% molybdenum (0.90% copper equivalent).

The assay results from a further 7 step-out holes (TT-99, 100, 102A, 105, 117, 120 and 125) in the northeast zone, in conjunction with hole TT-104, suggest that higher grade mineralization may extend towards the southeast and south while the northern limit of copper mineralization may be defined. Hole TT-120 drilled approximately 350 meters to the southeast of hole TT-100, and approximately 500 meters to the southeast of hole TT-79, intersected two zones of mineralization: the upper zone intersected 162 meters grading 0.43% copper and 0.02 g/t gold (0.44% copper equivalent), including 52 meters grading 0.78% copper and 0.01 g/t gold (0.79% copper equivalent); the lower zone intersected 90 meters grading 0.55% copper and 0.01 g/t gold (0.56% copper equivalent). Hole TT-105, a step-out hole drilled 150 meters to the south of hole TT-59, intersected a number of zones, including the highest grades of oxide gold encountered on the project to date. Hole TT-105 intersected an oxide gold zone of 118 meters grading 0.50 g/t gold including 42 meters grading 0.87 g/t gold, an 18 meter sulphide zone grading 0.63% copper, 0.39 g/t gold and 0.05% molybdenum (1.16% copper equivalent), a lower 68 meter sulphide zone grading 0.63% copper, 0.08 g/t gold and 0.02% molybdenum (0.80% copper equivalent) and a deeper sulphide 50 meter zone grading 0.36% copper, 0.02 g/t gold and 0.01% molybdenum (0.43% copper equivalent), (See attached map for all hole locations).

In contrast, hole TT-125 drilled 300 meters to the east of hole TT-86 that previously defined the northern and northeastern boundary of the current NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate intersected two smaller zones of mineralization, the upper zone comprised 48 meters grading 0.29% copper and 0.01 g/t gold (0.30% copper equivalent) while the lower zone intersected 22 meters grading 0.32% copper.

Results from 11 RC holes and 1 core hole drilled in the recently discovered northwest zone (see June 6, 2012 news release) have been received. The results are highlighted by hole TT-118 that intercepted two zones of mineralization; the upper zone intersected 38 meters grading 0.56% copper, and 0.07 g/t gold (0.60% copper equivalent) while the lower zone intersected 196 meters grading 0.43% copper, 0.03 g/t gold and 0.01% molybdenum (0.51% copper equivalent). Higher-grade mineralization appears to be associated with broad structures within the zone and mineralization has now been defined over an area of 750 meters (north to south) by 450 meters (east to west).

At the start of the drill program at Taca Taca, no leached cap material was assayed. A program to assay and evaluate the oxide gold content was initiated earlier this year and the results from the first 11 holes (TT-4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, and geotechnical holes TTGT-1 and 2) have been received. The majority of the assay results are from the leached cap that overlies the northern supergene zone. All of the results received, except TT-5, intersected oxide gold grades that were equal to or higher than the average grade of the current NI 43-101 oxide gold resource estimate. The results were highlighted by hole TT-7 that intersected from surface 58 meters grading 0.58 g/t gold and hole TTGT-2 that intersected 114 meters grading 0.45 g/t gold including 46 meters grading 0.58 g/t gold.

Other highlights from the recently received assay results include hole TT-93, an infill hole drilled at an minus 70 degree angle to the east, that intersected 708 meters grading 0.57% copper, 0.14 g/t gold and 0.02% molybdenum (0.77% copper equivalent) including 28 meters grading 2.14% copper, 0.22 g/t gold and 0.02% molybdenum (2.39% copper equivalent). TT-93 was drilled to confirm the lateral continuity of the northern supergene zone.

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Details of the relevant intercepts from the latest holes are shown in the table below with locations shown or
the map attached:

Hole No.	From Meters	To : Meters	Interval Meters	Cu %	Au g/t	Mo %	CuEq(1)
 TT12-92	170	945	775	0.47	0.08	0.01	0.54
including	170	330	160	0.95	0.17	0.02	1.08
Significance: Didefined the nonestimate.							
TT12-93	296	1004	708	0.57	0.14	0.02	0.77
including	298	326	28	2.14	0.22	0.02	2.39
Significance: In		hole dr	illed to (	confirm I	lateral c	ontinuit	y of
TT11-95	No signifi	cant int	tercepts				
Significance: Di					southern	boundar	y of
TT12-97	56	196	140	0.39	0.03	0.00	0.41
and	240	264	24	0.27	0.01	0.00	0.28
Significance: Di the current NI					southern	boundar	y of
TT12-99	98	106	8	0.31	0.02	0.01	0.38
and	132	170	38	0.30	0.02	0.00	0.31
Significance: 19 previously def	ined the nort	hern and					
TT12-100	28	158	130	0.48	0.16	0.01	0.63
including	64	110	46	0.73	0.18	0.01	0.89
and 	242	882	640	0.41	0.06	0.02	0.56
including			70				
Significance: Di defined the not estimate.		undary o	of the cui				
TT12-101	164	194	30				
Significance: Di the current NI hole TT-99.	rilled 450 me 43-101 miner	ters to	the south arce estin	n of the mate and	southern 150m to	boundar	y of
 TT12-102A	80	216	136	0.25			0.32
 and	328	398	70	0.22	0.09	0.02	0.39
Significance: 1: previously defi	50 meter step ined the nort ce estimate.	o-out hol heastern	n boundary	d to the	current	NI 43-10	1

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TT12-103	6	66	60		0.35		
and	106	140	34		0.28		
and	178	190	12		0.25		
	338	486	148	0.28	0.11	0.02	0.46
and	690	712	22	0.82	0.03	0.03	1.02
Significance: In NI 43-101 miner			the sout	h centra	l zone o	f the cur	rent
 FT12-104	56	786	730	0.46	0.08	0.01	0.5
including	76	232	156	0.78	0.10	0.01	0.90
including	494	540	46	1.03	0.17	0.03	1.3
Significance: 15 previously defi mineral resourc	ned the north						
ГТ12-105	0	118	118		0.50		
including	0	42	42		0.87		
	118	136	18	0.63	0.39	0.05	1.16
and	322	390	68	0.63	0.08	0.02	0.8
and	462	512	50	0.36	0.02	0.01	0.43
Significance: 15 previously defi current NI 43-1 TT12-106 Significance: Dr	ned the south 01 mineral re  No signific	nern boun esource e  cant inte	dary of stimate rcepts	the nort	neastern	zone of	
the current NI of hole TT-97.	43-101 minera	al resour	ce estim	ate and :	150 mete		west
 FT12-117	38	64					
						0.02	0.59
Significance: Dr to the south of the northeaster	hole TT-63 to the the	that prev current	iously d NI 43-1	efined tl	ne south	ern bound	ary of
 TT12-118	64	102	38			0.00	
 and						0.01	
 Significance: Dr							
 TT12-120	98	260	162	0.43	0.02	0.00	0.4
including	186	238	52	0.78	0.01	0.00	0.79
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Significance: Dr 79 that previou 101 mineral res	ısly defined t	the north		s to the	southea		e TT-

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TT12-125	96	144	48	0.29	0.01	0.00	0.30
and	470	492	22	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.32
Significance: Dril defined the north mineral resource	ern and nor						
TT10-04	10	134	124		0.28		
including	10	48	38		0.45		
Significance: Shal overlying norther			ld interc	ept with	in leach	led cap	
TT10-05	26	36	10		0.25		
Significance: Oxid	le gold inte	ercept wi	ithin lea	ched cap	overlyi	ng northe	ern
TT11-07	0	58	58		0.58	- = <b></b> -	
Significance: Shal		gold inte	ercept wi	thin lea	ched cap	overlyii	 ng
TT11-08	0	154	154		0.38		
including	0	94	94		0.46		
Significance: Shal overlying norther			ld interc	ept with	in leach	ed cap	
TT11-09	0	152	152		0.29		
including	0	52	52		0.40		
Significance: Shal overlying norther			ld interc	ept with	in leach	led cap	
TT11-13	40	88	48		0.30		
Significance: Oxid	le gold inte	ercept w	ithin lea	ched cap	overlyi	ng north	ern
TT11-14			126		0.33		
including	74	118	44		0.45		
Significance: Shal overlying norther	low, long on supergene	oxide gol	ld interc				
TT11-16	36				0.32		
Significance: Long	oxide gold			n leache	d cap ov	rerlying	
 TT11-17			28		0.38		
and	80	92	12		0.27		
and	134	150	16		0.29		
and			14		0.37		
Significance: Oxid	le gold inte	ercepts v	within le	ached ca	p overly	ring north	nern

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TTGT11-01		6	22	16		0.33		
Significance: northern sup	Shallow ergene zo	oxide one.	gold inte	rcept wi	thin lea	ched cap	overlyin	ng
TTGT11-02		18	132	114		0.45		
including		20	66	46		0.58		
Significance: overlying no				d interc	ept with	in leach	ed cap	
RC12-22		20	30	10	0.25	0.37	0.02	0.59
Significance: overlying ba			mineraliz	ation. D	rilled w	ithin le	ached car	
RC12-24		144	158	14	0.36	0.09	0.01	0.47
and		170	192	22	0.27	0.05	0.00	0.30
and		250	300	50	0.35	0.04	0.00	0.37
Significance:	Drilled	within	the rece	ntly dis	covered	northwes	t zone.	
RC12-27		32	42	10	0.34	0.10	0.01	0.43
and		90	120	30		0.29		
Significance: Sulphide min								zation.
RC12-28		32	 42	10	0.33	0.10	0.03	0.57
Significance: overlying ba			 mineraliz	ation. D		ithin le		p
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Significance:	Drilled	within	the recen	tly disc	covered	northwest	zone.	
RC12-44		92	298	206	0.33	0.05	0.00	0.36
and		346	380	34	0.26	0.05	0.00	0.29
Significance:	Drilled	within	the recen	tly disc	covered	northwest	zone.	
RC12-45		254	286	32	0.37	0.04	0.00	0.39
Significance:	Drilled	within	the recen	tly disc	covered	northwest	zone.	
RC12-46		66	156	90	0.33	0.08	0.00	0.38
and		304	326	22	0.28	0.02	0.00	0.29
Significance:	Drilled	within	the recen	tly disc	covered	northwest	zone.	
RC12-47		66	74	8	0.32	0.01	0.00	0.33
and		140	214	74	0.30	0.05	0.00	0.33
Significance:	Drilled	within	the recen	tly disc	covered	northwest	zone.	
RC12-49		64	122	58	0.41	0.03	0.00	0.43
Significance:	Drilled	within	the recen	tly disc	covered	northwest	zone.	

Copper equivalent calculated using US\$2.00/lb Cu, US\$800/oz Au and US\$12.00/lb Mo and is not adjusted for metallurgical recoveries as these remain uncertain. The formula used is as follows: CuEQ = Cu% + (Au g/t x 0.583) + (Mo% x 6).

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To date, 162 core holes totalling 91,269 meters and 163 reverse circulation ("RC") holes totalling 36,238 meters have been completed at Taca Taca.

The Taca Taca copper/gold/molybdenum project, comprising approximately 2,500 hectares, is located in the Puna region of northwestern Argentina in Salta province, approximately 230 kilometres west of the provincial capital of Salta and 120 kilometres east of the world's largest copper mine, Escondida.

On May 7, 2012, the Company announced that it had received an independent, updated NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate for the project. At a 0.4% copper equivalent cut-off indicated sulphide resources are 824 million tonnes grading 0.59% copper, 0.12 g/t gold and 0.018% molybdenum (0.75% copper equivalent(2)) containing 10.7 billion pounds of copper, 3.1 million ounces of gold and 320 million pounds of molybdenum and inferred sulphide resources are 938 million tonnes grading 0.48% copper, 0.08 g/t gold and 0.014% molybdenum (0.60% copper equivalent(2)), containing 9.8 billion pounds of copper, 2.4 million ounces of gold and 283 million pounds of molybdenum. In addition, an oxide gold resource was also defined within the leached cap. At a 0.2 g/t gold cut-off indicated resources are 198 million tonnes grading 0.27 g/t gold containing 1.7 million ounces of gold and inferred resources are 81 million tonnes grading 0.26 g/t gold containing 0.7 million ounces of gold. This mineral resource estimate does not incorporate the drilling results described above.

The updated NI 43-101 technical report detailing the mineral resource estimate can be found on SEDAR ( <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>) and the Company's website (www.luminacopper.com).

Andrew Carstensen, CPG, Vice President, Exploration and the Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 for the Taca Taca project has reviewed and approved the content of this press release.

(2) The copper equivalent cut-off grade used in the calculation of the mineral resource estimate was determined using US\$2.00 / lb copper, US\$800 / oz gold and US\$12.00 / lb molybdenum and was not adjusted for metallurgical recoveries as these remain uncertain. The formula used in the calculation was as follows:  $CuEQ = Cu\% + (Au g/t \times 0.583) + (Mo\% \times 6)$ .

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