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Ashburton Minerals Ltd ("Ashburton" or "the Company")

NON-RENOUNCEABLE PRO RATA RIGHTS ISSUE CLOSES

The Company advises that its non-renounceable pro-rata Rights Issue closed on 17 January 2013 with shareholders taking up 40.14% of the available shares on offer.

The Company is pleased with the strong support demonstrated by shareholders, with 236 shareholders taking up entitlements of 102,576,486 New Shares (31.53%), of which 145 shareholders applied for 28,023,466 Additional New Shares (8.61%), raising approximately \$261,200.

Shareholders will receive a total of 130,599,952 New Shares issued at 0.2 cents each. In addition shareholders will receive 43,533,317 unlisted New Options, being one New Option for every three New Shares issued, with each New Option having an exercise price of 0.3 cents and expiring on 31 December 2014.

The Rights Issue was not underwritten, allowing the Directors to retain the ability to place the resulting Shortfall of 194,779,234 New Shares pursuant to the shortfall provisions of the Prospectus dated 10 December 2012. The Shortfall can be placed at any time prior to 10 March 2013, being three months from the date of the Prospectus, potentially raising a further \$389,559.

The holding statements for New Shares and New Options will be dispatched on 25 January 2013.

The Company wishes to thank those shareholders who have supported the rights issue.

Yours faithfully,

Rodney Dunn Company Secretary

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