



## **Black Spruce Exploration welcomes Leo Power to its Board of Directors**

St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador – August 12, 2013 – Black Spruce Exploration Corp. (BSE) is pleased to welcome Leo Power as the newest member of its Board of Directors.

A native Newfoundlander and entrepreneur by nature, Mr. Power has been active in building many successful businesses in the province, including real estate developments, franchise operations, and oil and gas ventures, specifically Ptarmigan Energy Inc. ([www.ptarmiganenergy.com](http://www.ptarmiganenergy.com)) where he serves as executive chairman and director. He also serves as a director at Canada Fluorspar Inc. (CFI) [www.canadafluorspar.com](http://www.canadafluorspar.com), a TSXV listed mining and exploration company.

As BSE President & CEO David Murray points out: “With his extensive background in mining and in oil and gas, Leo is a perfect addition to the Board. He has a wealth of knowledge on these sectors, is well respected in the business community, and contributes his talents to so many worthy causes. We look forward to the contributions he will make to Black Spruce.”

Mr. Power is an active member in the Atlantic Canadian business and volunteer community, serving on several boards such as the co-chair of the Home from the Sea Campaign ([www.homefromthesea.ca](http://www.homefromthesea.ca)), Institute for Corporate Directors, NL Chapter ([www.icd.ca](http://www.icd.ca)), the Atlantic Cabinet for the Nature Conservancy of Canada ([www.natureconservancy.ca](http://www.natureconservancy.ca)), and the Atlantic Institute of Market Studies ([www.aims.ca](http://www.aims.ca)). He also is a founding supporter and co-spokesperson for “I believe in the Power of Newfoundland and Labrador,” an initiative in support of the Muskrat Falls Hydroelectric Development.

“I look forward to working with the Black Spruce team and helping further develop economic opportunities here in my home province of Newfoundland & Labrador,” notes Mr. Power. “The potential for Western Newfoundland to be a significant producer and exporter of oil is very real and I am committed to playing a key role in making this opportunity a reality.”

Mr. Power is a graduate of the Kellogg-Schulich Joint MBA program at York University, Toronto, Ontario and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He also holds a BA and a Masters Degree in Oil and Gas Studies (MOGS) from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. He is a graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors program, Rotman School of Business, University of Toronto.

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