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## News Release

### NovaCopper Announces Election of Directors

**May 22, 2013 - Vancouver, British Columbia - NovaCopper Inc.** (TSX, NYSE-MKT: NCQ) ("NovaCopper" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the shareholders voted in favour of all items of business before the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders held in Vancouver yesterday and that the nominees listed in the management proxy circular for the meeting were elected as directors. Detailed results of the vote for the election of directors are set out below.

Nominee	Votes For	% For	Votes Withheld	% Withheld
Tony S. Giardini	24,913,691	99.17%	208,370	0.83%
Thomas S. Kaplan	24,284,528	96.67%	837,533	3.33%
Terry Krepiakevich	24,750,378	98.52%	371,683	1.48%
Gregory A. Lang	24,898,247	99.11%	223,814	0.89%
Igor Levental	24,323,083	96.82%	798,978	3.18%
Kalidas V. Madhavpeddi	24,795,278	98.70%	326,783	1.30%
Gerald J. McConnell	24,147,660	96.12%	974,401	3.88%
Clynton R. Nauman	24,586,476	97.87%	535,585	2.13%
Janice Stairs	24,575,385	97.82%	546,676	2.18%
Walter Segsworth	24,901,762	99.12%	220,299	0.88%
Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse	24,899,517	99.11%	222,544	0.89%

#### About NovaCopper

NovaCopper Inc. is a base metals exploration company focused on exploring and developing the Ambler mining district in Alaska. It is one of the richest and most-prospective known copper-dominant districts located in one of the safest geopolitical jurisdictions in the world. It hosts world-class VMS deposits that contain copper, zinc, lead, gold and silver, and carbonate replacement deposits which have been found to host high-grade copper mineralization. Our vision is to develop the Ambler mining district into a premier North American copper producer.

More information on the Company, its properties and its management team is available on the Company's website at [www.novacopper.com](http://www.novacopper.com).

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