



News Release

NovaCopper Cancels Previously Announced Financing

March 7, 2014 - Vancouver, British Columbia - NovaCopper Inc. (NYSE-MKT, TSX: NCQ) ("**NovaCopper**" or the "**Company**") announced today that the Company has decided not to proceed with the public offering of common shares and concurrent private placement announced on February 19, 2014. The Company is deferring a decision on any financing until after public release of the updated resource estimate for the Bornite project, anticipated later this month. In the interim, the Company is continuing discussions with its principal shareholders and certain other parties, and is considering a number of financing alternatives.

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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. Exploration efforts have been focused on two deposits in the Ambler district – the Arctic VMS deposit and the Bornite carbonate replacement deposit. Both projects are located within NovaCopper's land package that spans approximately 143,000 hectares. NovaCopper has an agreement with NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., an Alaskan Native Corporation that provides a framework for the exploration and potential development of the Ambler mining district in cooperation with the local communities. NovaCopper's vision is to develop the Ambler mining district into a premier North American copper producer.

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