NEWS RELEASE

CIC ENERGY PROVIDES UPDATE ON THE SALE PROCESS

Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (December 9, 2011) – CIC Energy Corp. (“CIC Energy” or the “Company”) (TSX:ELC, BSE:CIC Energy) has been in discussions with interested parties regarding the acquisition of 100% the Company for several months, however it has so far been unable to obtain an offer that would be supported by the board and its advisors. The Company attributes this to a number of factors, including the current challenging business climate and market conditions. CIC Energy will remain open to receiving offers from potential acquirers for the acquisition of the Company.

Today, CIC Energy updates shareholders that it has also begun discussions with potential strategic investors with a view to the acquisition of a minority position in the Company. The Company expects the sale of a minority position in CIC Energy would bring on board a development partner and bolster the Company’s treasury.

Such a strategic partner, as well as the additional funds the Company would receive in connection with such a sale, would allow CIC Energy to advance further its project development activities, which it believes are developing positive momentum. CIC Energy believes that these potential developments could positively impact the value of the Company.

Greg Kinross, President of CIC Energy said, “Our management team and the board of directors believe this initiative to bring on a strategic partner, and at the same time raise additional capital, best serves shareholder interests during the current challenging business and market conditions, as it strengthens our ability to continue to advance our projects, as well as negotiate with potential acquirers of the Company.”

No assurances can be given that CIC Energy will enter into or conclude negotiations with any strategic partner or potential acquirer of the Company.

About CIC Energy Corp.
CIC Energy Corp. is engaged in the advancement of the Mmamabula Energy Complex at the Mmamabula Coal Field in Botswana, Africa. This planned Complex consists of an Export Coal Project, one or more Power Projects, and a potential Coal-to-Hydrocarbons Project.

CIC Energy has a treasury of approximately CDN$10 million and has 52,748,969 shares outstanding and 70,855,417 shares fully diluted including 13,061,448 warrants which have not vested. CIC Energy is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX:ELC) and the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE:CIC Energy).
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