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**5N Plus Statement on First Solar's
Important Restructuration Announcement**

Montreal, Québec, April 17, 2012 - 5N Plus Inc. (TSX:VNP), the leading producer of specialty metal and chemical products, released the following statement in response to the recent important restructuring announcement by First Solar:

Jacques L'Ecuyer, President and Chief Executive Officer of 5N Plus, stated: "The supply agreement we have signed with First Solar at the beginning of the year is in no way impacted by this restructuring, and the manufacturing activities of our plant in Eisenhüttenstadt, Germany, are not compromised as most of this facility's production was already being shipped to First Solar's plants in Malaysia. We do not foresee any reduction of our sales to First Solar in 2012, and the conditions of our agreement will provide us with the opportunity to fully benefit from the future growth of our customer in sustainable markets."

About 5N Plus Inc.

5N Plus is the leading producer of specialty metal and chemical products. Fully integrated with closed-loop recycling facilities, the company is headquartered in Montreal, Québec, Canada and operates manufacturing facilities and sales offices in several locations in Europe, Americas and Asia. 5N Plus deploys a range of proprietary and proven technologies to produce products which are used in a number of advanced pharmaceutical, electronic and industrial applications. Typical products include purified metals such as bismuth, gallium, germanium, indium, selenium and tellurium, inorganic chemicals based on such metals and compound semiconductor wafers. Many of these are critical precursors and key enablers in markets such as solar, light-emitting diodes and eco-friendly materials.

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