

CanAlaska Uranium Ltd.

Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX): CVV

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NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, Canada, February 16th, 2012 - **CanAlaska Uranium Ltd.** (**TSX** – **CVV**) ("CanAlaska" or the "Company") is undertaking a non-brokered private placement for up to 3,920,000 flow-through shares, together with up to 750,000 ordinary shares for gross proceeds of up to \$2,321,700 (the "Offering"). Under the Offering, each flow-through share is being offered at a price of \$0.51 per share and each ordinary share is being offered at a price of \$0.43 per share.

The Company shall renounce to the purchasers of the flow-through shares the amount of Qualifying Canadian Exploration Expenditures equal to the aggregate consideration of flow-through shares subscribed. The Company intends to use the flow-through funds raised for exploration programs on its mineral properties located in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada. Exploration expenditures on the properties will constitute "Canadian exploration expenses" and "flow-through mining expenditures", as defined in the Tax Act. Proceeds raised from offering of the ordinary shares will be used for general corporate working capital purposes.

The Offering is subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary regulatory and stock exchange approvals. All securities to be issued under the Offering will be subject to a four-month statutory hold period in Canada.

Finders fees may be payable in connection with the proposed private placement.

About CanAlaska Uranium

CANALASKA URANIUM LTD. (**CVV -- TSX, CVVUF -- OTCBB, DH7N -- Frankfurt**) is undertaking uranium exploration in twenty one uranium projects in Canada's Athabasca Basin -- the "Saudi Arabia of Uranium". Since September 2004, the Company has aggressively acquired one of the largest land positions in the region, comprising over 2,500,000 acres (10,117 sq. km or 3,906 sq. miles). To-date, CanAlaska has expended over Cdn\$75 million exploring its properties and has delineated multiple uranium targets. For more information visit www.canalaska.com

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