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GLG LIFE TECH CORPORATION PROVIDES REGULATORY UPDATE

Vancouver, B.C. May 21, 2013- GLG Life Tech Corporation (TSX: GLG) (“GLG” or the “Company”), a vertically-integrated leader in the agricultural and commercial development of high quality stevia and all natural and zero calorie food and beverage products, provides a regulatory update.

Following the cease trade order issued on May 2, 2012 by British Securities Commission (the “BCSC”), and subsequently adopted by the other Canadian securities regulators in jurisdictions where GLG is a reporting issuer, the BCSC launched a continuous disclosure review in September 2012. The Company expects that it is now nearing completion of that process and will be able to then file its year-end financial reports including its annual audited Financial Statements, Management Discussion and Analysis, Annual Information Form, and CEO and CFO Certifications for the period ending December 31, 2012 shortly.

The main reasons for the delay in filing were due to third party valuation reports required to support its transition from US GAAP to IFRS and in particular to look at tangible and intangible assets impairment testing and to meet the BCSC’s information request as part of the Continuous Disclosure review. 2012 is the first year that the Company is reporting under IFRS.

The Company also will be re-filing its financial statements for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 and related MD&A to correct an error associated with its IFRS impairment testing. The Company will provide more details in an accompanying news release once it formally re-files the interim financial statements and related MD&A

About GLG Life Tech Corporation

GLG Life Tech Corporation is a global leader in the supply of high purity stevia extracts, an all-natural, zero-calorie sweetener used in food and beverages. The Company's vertically integrated operations cover each step in the stevia supply chain including non-GMO stevia seed breeding, natural propagation, stevia leaf growth and harvest, proprietary extraction and refining, marketing and distribution of finished product. For further information, please visit www.glglifetech.com.

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Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as “plans”, “expects” or “does not expect”, “is expected”, “budget”, “scheduled”, “estimates”, “forecasts”, “intends”, “anticipates” or “does not anticipate”, or “believes” or variations of such words and phrases or words and phrases that state or indicate that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved.

While the Company has based these forward-looking statements on its current expectations about future events, the statements are not guarantees of the Company’s future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include amongst others the effects of general economic conditions, consumer demand for our products and new orders from our customers and distributors, changing foreign exchange rates and actions by government authorities, uncertainties associated with legal proceedings and negotiations, industry supply levels, competitive pricing pressures and misjudgments in the course of preparing forward-looking statements. Specific reference is made to the risks set forth under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Information Form for the financial year ended December 31, 2011. In light of these factors, the forward-looking events discussed in this press release might not occur.

Further, although the Company has attempted to identify factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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