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Performance of Natural Resources Equities March 2013

New York, NY, April 4, 2013 -- Natural resources stocks, as measured by the [Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index](#) (TICKER: RVEI), declined -0.53% in the month of March. Commodity producer stocks, however, remained up +1.17% year-to-date through March 29, 2013.

Paper and Forest Products companies were the best performers in March, with the sector rising +3.51%. Metals were the worst performers, with the Base/Industrial Metals sector declining -8.13% and the precious Metals sector declining -1.08%.

Index fundamentals remain strong, with EPS forecasted to rise +18.34% over the next twelve months, compared to +9.95% for the S&P 500. Dividend yield is forecasted to rise +8.70% over the next twelve months, compared to +5.24% for the S&P 500.

The index price/earnings ratio is forecasted to drop from 14.24 to 12.03.

Further information regarding the [Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index](#) performance and constituent earnings for the month of March can be found at <http://rve.snetglobalindexes.com/pdf/rvei-Research-20130403.pdf>.

The [Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index](#) is a capitalization-weighted, float-adjusted index of the most prominent natural resources stocks in the world. The index is divided into six sectors: a) Energy, b) Agriculture, c) Base and Industrial Metals, d) Forest products, e) Precious Metals and f) Alternatives.

Detailed information on the [Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index](#) is available at <http://rve.snetglobalindexes.com/>. Data is also available through most vendors of financial data.

Index: [Rogers™-Van Eck Hard Assets Producers Index \(USD\)](#) TICKER: RVEI

Related ETF: [Market Vectors® Hard Assets Producers ETF \(USD\)](#) TICKER: HAP

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