Sphere 3D Announces Grant of Options

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MISSISSAUGA, Ontario, April 18, 2013 – Sphere 3D Corporation (TSX-V: ANY) ("Sphere 3D" or the "Company") announced that the Company has granted an aggregate of 75,000 stock options pursuant to the Company's stock option plan to three outside directors in equal amounts. These options expire in 10 years, are immediately vested and have an exercise price of \$0.85 per share, representing a substantial premium to the current market price.

About Sphere 3D Corporation

Sphere 3D Corporation (TSX-V:ANY) is a Mississauga, Ontario based virtualization technology solution provider whose patent pending Glassware 2.0TM technology makes it possible for incompatible devices and applications to run over the cloud, without sacrificing performance or security. Sphere 3D's Glassware 2.0TM ultra-thin client allows third parties to deliver fully featured products to any cloud connected device independent of operating system or hardware. For additional information visit www.sphere3d.com or access the Company's public filings at www.sedar.com.

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