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GOLDCORP STEPS-UP EXPLORATION EFFORTS WITH TRI ORIGIN AT RED LAKE

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX Venture Exchange) is pleased to announce that Tri Origin and Goldcorp Inc. (“Goldcorp”) (G:TSE, GG: NYSE) have jointly acquired, by staking, a large property located 19 kilometres southeast of Goldcorp’s Red Lake mine, midway between the mine and Tri Origin’s Confederation project.

The new property comprises 525 claim units totaling 21,000 acres (52 square kilometres) and covers a large portion of the southeast-trending structural zone associated with the Red Lake mine. In addition, magnetic anomalies coincident with the structural zone have been identified on the property, which are believed to have significant exploration potential.

Tri Origin’s goal is that this property will form the basis for a new joint venture between Tri Origin and Goldcorp. An exploration program and budget is currently being planned. This new landholding and exploration program with Goldcorp complements the ongoing exploration program being funded and conducted by Goldcorp on Tri Origin’s Confederation property.

At Confederation, located 35 kilometres southeast of Goldcorp’s Red Lake mine, Goldcorp has informed Tri Origin of new exploration results. These results have been obtained from a recent surface geochemical survey consisting of approximately 1,000 samples. To date, over 2,500 samples covering half the property have been collected on a cut grid and analysed for gold, silver and base metals using the Mobile Metal Ion (MMI) technique. The MMI technique is tailored toward the search for buried gold deposits in overburden covered terrain.

Examination of results received has identified three prospective areas containing localized gold anomalies and four areas with extensive zinc anomalies. Further exploration work has been recommended for these areas. A more detailed analysis of results from the current phase of exploration will be released when they become available.

Management is pleased to have Goldcorp as a senior partner, who has an option to earn a 70% interest in the Confederation property.

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