



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: February 16, 2010

Tri Origin Dividend Update

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (the “Company”) (TOE: TSX-V) announces that a special dividend-in-kind (the “dividend”) of the common shares it holds in its Australian affiliate Tri Origin Minerals Ltd. doing business in Canada under the name “TriAusMin” (the “TOR Shares”) was distributed on February 12, 2010 to its resident shareholders of record of February 3, 2010. The dividend has a deemed value of \$0.0807 for resident Canadian tax purposes. The TOR shares have a four-month hold and will be freely trading on May 23, 2010.

Due to securities restrictions, the Company has set aside TOR shares for the dividend to non-resident shareholders of record as at February 3, 2010, in a segregated account. The Company will use its best efforts to expedite the sale of these TOR shares, which will be subject to the same four-month hold period as the shares distributed to resident shareholders. These shares will remain the property of the Company until sold, at which time the proceeds, net of commissions and applicable withholding taxes, will be distributed to the non-resident shareholders.

The proceeds of the sale will be used to determine the dividend value for non-residents.

For further information, please refer to the Company’s website www.triorigin.com or contact:

Dr. Robert Valliant, President
Tri Origin Exploration Ltd.
Tel: (905) 727-1779
E-mail: invest@triorigin.com

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. is publicly listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol TOE. Tri Origin is a leading Canadian exploration company with gold and base metal projects in Canada. Tri Origin has leveraged exposure to mineral discoveries in Australia through its equity interest in its affiliate, TriAusMin the registered business name of Tri Origin Minerals Ltd.; a publicly traded, dual listed company that trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol TOR and the Australian Securities Exchange under the symbol TRO.