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**OZ MINERALS TERMINATES ALLIANCE WITH TRI ORIGIN**

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (the “Company” or “Tri Origin”) (TOE: TSX-V) announces that the alliance agreement entered into with OZ Minerals in 2008 has been terminated, in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

OZ Minerals recently informed the Company that it was reconsidering a number of alliance initiatives in light of the current global climate for commodity prices and economic conditions. As a result, OZ Minerals decided to terminate the alliance.

Tri Origin is a leading Canadian exploration company with gold and base metal exploration projects in Canada and, through its investment in Tri Origin Minerals Ltd., base metal exploration and development stage projects in Australia.

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Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. is publicly listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol TOE. Tri Origin has leveraged exposure to mineral discoveries in Australia through its 48% equity interest in its affiliate, Tri Origin Minerals Ltd.; a publicly traded company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the symbol TRO.