



TRI ORIGIN EXPLORATION LTD.

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CORPORATE SUMMARY:

Trading Symbol – TOE
Toronto Stock Exchange
Shares Outstanding - 12.1M
Fully Diluted - 13.8M

OPERATIONS:

Tri Origin is exploring for gold and base metals in Canada, and Australia. The resource delineated at Lewis Ponds, Australia is 4 million tonnes of massive sulphide with Au, Ag, Zn, Pb and Cu. The Lewis Ponds deposit is open at depth and along strike. Exploration is continuing on a diverse portfolio of wholly-owned projects and projects in joint venture with major partners. Properties in Canada, and Australia will be explored through drilling during the coming year.

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Christopher Bradbrook Joins Board of Directors

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. is pleased to announce that Chris Bradbrook has agreed to join the Corporation as a director.

His career spans almost 20 years in the mineral industry, both as an exploration geologist and manager with senior gold companies including Lac Minerals Ltd. and Echo Bay Mines Ltd. and as a private consultant. His last 5 years have been spent as a mining analyst with significant experience in assessing both junior and senior mining firms.

Mr. Bradbrook adds substantial mining and corporate expertise to the Board of Tri Origin. His experience in the equity capital markets for public companies combined with his demonstrated technical abilities will be of significant benefit to the Corporation.

Ian Hamilton, a director of the Corporation from 1989 to present, has resigned in favour of Mr. Bradbrook's appointment. Ian will remain a consultant to the company and we thank him for his valuable service to Tri Origin as a director.

Please note:

Tri Origin has changed its office location.

Effective as of January 1, 2000, the new address is;

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