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## **TRI ORIGIN OPTIONS WAWA GOLD AND DIAMOND PROJECT, ONTARIO**

**Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSE)** has signed an option/joint venture agreement with Citadel Gold Mines Inc. and Citabar Limited Partnership to explore the Wawa gold/diamond property in northern Ontario. Under the terms of the agreement, Tri Origin has the option to earn a 51% interest in the property by spending \$1.5 million on exploration over 5 years. Upon completion of this expenditure, Tri Origin and Citadel will have the option to enter into a joint venture to further develop the property.

The property comprises 172 claims totalling approximately 24 square kilometres (5796 acres) and is located within the Abitibi Greenstone Belt in McMurry township, near Wawa, Ontario. Tri Origin selected the Wawa property due to its proven mineral endowment and the opportunity to discover new, economically viable gold deposits in areas where previous exploration has been ineffectual. The property is host to seven historical mines that have produced 120,109 ounces of gold at an average grade of 0.26 ounces of gold per short ton (8.9 grams per tonne) and six other gold prospects with underground development. At closure of the last mining operation, remaining resources were estimated at 710,000 tons grading 0.125 ounces of gold per ton (4.3 grams per tonne) for a total of 88,720 ounces of gold.

Although situated in one of northern Ontario's first discovered gold camps; the property has not undergone a comprehensive exploration program using modern technology. The property is largely overburden covered and all previous underground mine development was completed on surface discoveries made by prospecting during the late 1800's. Recent years have seen the amalgamation of a number of smaller land holdings into one property encompassing an 8 kilometre long gold trend. Systematic, property wide geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys are required to unlock the potential of this gold-rich environment.

Compilation of proprietary data representing millions of dollars of previous work is underway. This work continues to highlight the promising exploration potential over large, under-explored segments of the property. Diamond indicator minerals occur in overburden and bedrock on the property providing additional incentive to explore previously overlooked targets, which may represent diamondiferous deposits. Furthermore, interest in the area has recently been sparked by several diamond discoveries in the vicinity of the Wawa property. Tri Origin has planned a comprehensive exploration program consisting of geological and geophysical surveying to begin immediately. Target evaluation and drilling will follow.

This option/joint venture agreement is in keeping with Tri Origin's strategy of exploring in known, mineral-rich areas, using modern technology to search for "buried" or "blind" ore deposits.

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