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PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:CDNX) announces that it intends to complete a private placement with Robert Valliant, an insider of Tri Origin, consisting of up to 1 million units at a price of \$0.10 per unit, for gross proceeds of up to \$100,000. Up to 600,000 units may be flow-through units. Each unit would consist of one common share and one warrant entitling the holder to purchase one additional common share at an exercise price of \$0.20 at any time within twelve months of closing. The proceeds of the private placement will be used for general corporate purposes. Completion of the private placement is conditional upon regulatory approval.

The private placement announced December 21, 2001 of 250,000 flow-through common shares to Robert Valliant, an insider of Tri Origin, at a price of \$0.10 per share for gross proceeds of \$25,000, has been completed.

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