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**DRILLING TO RECOMMENCE AT CONFEDERATION PROJECT,
RED LAKE, ONTARIO**

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:CDNX) has been informed by joint venture partner Goldcorp Inc. (G:TSE) that diamond drilling is to commence shortly at Tri Origin's 100%-owned Confederation Property located at Red Lake, Ontario. The property comprises 218 claim units (approximately 8,720 acres) 35 kilometres southeast of Goldcorp's Red Lake mine. During the fall of 2001, Goldcorp entered into an option agreement to earn 70% interest in the property and completed an initial \$150,000 program including a single drill hole prior to the end of the year. Rock units similar to those with potential to host lode gold deposits were encountered in the hole. Zones of favorable alteration and stringer pyrite were also intersected by this drill hole although no significant assays were reported from core sampling.

Goldcorp has recently staked additional claims surrounding the Confederation property, which we interpret as a further indication of their commitment to the area. Diamond drilling, funded by Goldcorp, is scheduled to recommence at the Confederation property in February. The program will consist of at least 3 drill holes totaling up to 1,500 metres to test targets currently outlined by geochemical and geophysical survey results. It is anticipated that additional geochemical and geophysical surveying to define drill targets at other priority areas will follow in the spring.

Shareholders will be informed of drilling progress and results as reports are received from Goldcorp.

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