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**TRI ORIGIN'S JV PARTNER, GOLDCORP INC., STARTS NEW PHASE OF
EXPLORATION AT CONFEDERATION**

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX Venture Exchange) is pleased to announce that joint venture partner, Goldcorp Inc. (G:TSE, GG: NYSE) has started a new phase of exploration at Tri Origin's 100%-owned Confederation property, north-western Ontario. Goldcorp has mobilized field crews and a surface geochemical survey has begun at the 87 square kilometre, gold property. A geophysical survey is expected to follow to define targets for diamond drilling. The results of this new phase of exploration will be released when they become available.

The Confederation property lies between Goldcorp's Red Lake gold mine, 35 kilometres to the northwest, and the past-producing South Bay base metal mine within the Red Lake-Uchi Lake greenstone belt. The Red Lake District boasts a historic production of more than 20 million ounces of gold and the Red Lake-Uchi Lake belt is currently one of the most actively explored areas in Canada. Previous work conducted on the property by Tri Origin and, more recently Goldcorp, has included: airborne geophysical surveying and programs consisting of ground geochemistry, geophysics, diamond drilling and a reinterpretation of the property's structural setting. This has resulted in detection of areas hosting gold and base metal geochemical anomalies within a geological and structural setting newly recognized as having potential to host lode gold deposits.

In October 2001, Tri Origin reached terms with Goldcorp, giving the senior partner the option of earning a 70% interest in the Confederation property. Management is pleased to have entered into this association with Goldcorp, who have demonstrated remarkable success at the nearby Red Lake mine; one the richest and lowest cost mines in the world.

We are optimistic about our prospects at Confederation and consider this project to be a reflection of Tri Origin's exploration strategy of exploring in "near-mine" environments by employing innovative and up-to-date technologies.

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