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PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX Venture Exchange) intends to complete a private placement of up to 2,100,000 common shares at a price of \$0.10 each for proceeds of \$210,000. 1,600,000 of the offered shares will be flow through common shares, and the balance of 500,000 offered shares will be non flow-through common shares. It is anticipated that 800,000 of the flow-through shares and 350,000 of the non flow-through shares will be purchased by Robert Valliant and Heather Sheehan, insiders of Tri Origin, and/or their associates. Robert Valliant, a director of Tri Origin, has sold shares in the market at prices of \$0.10 and \$0.11 per share to provide funds for his portion of the placement.

Completion of the private placement is conditional upon regulatory approval.

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