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DRILLING COMMENCES AT RED LAKE

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX Venture Exchange) is pleased to announce that it has commenced a drilling program to test the first of a number of prospective areas identified during recent surface surveying at its Red Lake Extension project, Red Lake, Ontario

This program will target prospective Induced Polarization geophysical and gold in soil geochemical anomalies announced in the December 17th, 2003 release entitled: "Encouraging Results From Red Lake Extension" and October 20th, 2003 release entitled: "Potential Gold Bearing Anomalies Identified at Red Lake Extension Property". Five target areas at the central part of the property have been prioritized for immediate follow-up work of which three are characterized by coincident magnetic, Induced Polarization and gold in soil geochemical anomalies while the other two are magnetic and Induced Polarization anomalies only.

St Lambert Drilling Co. Ltd has been contracted to complete at least four diamond drill holes with a minimum combined length of 600 metres commencing March 4th. In addition, Tri Origin has contracted Westshield Consulting Limited to complete an overburden drill sampling survey at nearby locations using a small portable drill. The purpose of this is to obtain samples for gold analyses at targets where bedrock is covered by overburden. This program commenced February 24th.

The Red Lake Extension property is comprised of 523 claim units totaling 22,000 acres and is hosted within the Red Lake Greenstone Belt. Importantly, it is contiguous with Goldcorp Inc's Red Lake Mine property and situated along the extension of structural trends, believed to be important controls and hosts to gold mineralization at the nearby Goldcorp and Placer Dome gold mines. Historically there has been a substantial lack of exploration at the Red Lake Extension property despite its immediate proximity to Goldcorp's mine. The mines at Red Lake have produced over 20 million ounces of gold and the Red Lake Mine is currently one of the highest grade and lowest cost gold mines in the world. This provides the incentive and rationale for continued exploration at Tri Origin's property.

This preliminary phase of drilling is scheduled for completion in March. Results will be released as soon as possible after completion.

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