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TRI ORIGIN'S SUBSIDIARY APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX-V) is pleased to announce that its 51% - owned Australian subsidiary, Tri Origin Minerals Ltd. ("TRO") has announced the appointment of Mr. Bruce Kay as Non-Executive Chairman following a decision by TRO's founding Chairman, Mr John Shaw, to retire from the role of Chairman and as a director of the Company.

Mr Shaw has served as TRO's Chairman with distinction since it was first listed by Tri Origin on the Australian Securities Exchange in early 2004. With more than 45 years of experience in the resources sector both in Australia and abroad, and at the age of 68, Mr Shaw's retirement has taken effect from the close of business on Friday, 15 February 2008.

Prior to his elevation to the role of Chairman of TRO, Mr Kay served TRO as a Non Executive Director from October 2003. He is also presently the Non-Executive Chairman of Heemskirk Consolidated Limited and has formerly served as Chairman of both Normandy NFM Limited and Otter Gold Mines Ltd.

A geologist by profession, Mr Kay has had a corporate career spanning more than 30 years involving extensive international experience in a range of executive management and exploration roles. Before retiring as an executive in 2003, Bruce managed worldwide exploration for Newmont, at the time the world's largest gold producer, based in Denver, Colorado, USA. Prior to the takeover of Normandy Mining by Newmont in 2002, Mr Kay was responsible for managing the Normandy Group's global exploration programs. He was involved in major green fields and near mine discoveries in Australia and abroad. Before joining Normandy, he worked for Western Mining Corporation for 16 years in various management roles including Regional Exploration Manager for North America.

The President of Tri Origin, Dr. Robert Valliant expressed the sentiment of all those who were involved with John at both Tri Origin Exploration and TRO in stating that: "we wish John the very best in his retirement from TRO and will certainly miss his firm guidance and significant technical expertise during his role as Chairman through the formative stages of TRO beginning with Tri Origin's listing of TRO on the Australian Securities Exchange".

Dr. Valliant also welcomed Bruce Kay to the role of Chairman of TRO and stated: "TRO will clearly benefit from the broad base of experience that Bruce brings to the position of Chairman especially as TRO is entering a new stage of its growth with the anticipated development of the Woodlawn Zinc/Copper Projects in 2008."

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Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. is publicly listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol TOE. Tri Origin has leveraged exposure to mineral discoveries in Australia through its 51% equity interest in its subsidiary, Tri Origin Minerals Ltd.; a publicly traded company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange under the symbol TRO.