



**TRI ORIGIN EXPLORATION LTD.
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TRI ORIGIN SIGNS WOODLAWN AGREEMENT WITH INMET MINING

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSE) is pleased to announce the signing of an option/joint venture agreement between Inmet Mining Corporation (IMN: TSE: ME) and Tri Origin's 91%-owned subsidiary, Tri Origin Australia N.L. (TOA). Under the terms of the agreement, Inmet will, at its option, spend a total of CDN\$3.2 million (AUS\$3.5 million) on exploration and make cash payments to TOA of CDN\$280,000 (AUS\$310,000) over four years to earn a 60% interest in the mineral rights held by Tri Origin at the Woodlawn Mining District, New South Wales, Australia. Upon completion of these expenditures, Tri Origin and Inmet will enter into a joint venture to further develop the property. Initially, Tri Origin will manage the exploration program under a separate contract and receive administrative fees from Inmet, to recover certain overhead costs associated with the program.

Inmet Mining Corporation is a Toronto-based international mining company with a strong balance sheet and an operating base of three competitive mining operations. Inmet's financial backing of this phase of exploration at Woodlawn and their expertise in base metal massive sulphide deposits will be of significant benefit to TOA's exploration program and is welcomed by management.

The Woodlawn Mining District, located 200 kilometres southwest of Sydney, consists of two properties held by TOA which total 285 square kilometres. The district is host to the Woodlawn, Currawang and Cowley Hills past producing open pit and underground mines. Pre-mining, these deposits contained almost 20 million tonnes of precious and base metal ore with an average grade of 10% zinc, 1.7% copper and 80 grams per tonne silver. Total produced metal value was in the range of CDN \$5 billion at current dollar value and metal prices.

Tri Origin has compiled and reinterpreted exploration data covering this mining district and has identified significant exploration potential at several mineralized prospects which have had limited previous exploration. A detailed program of deep-penetrating, ground electromagnetic geophysical surveying is planned to commence immediately. Diamond drilling of selected targets will follow. The budget allocated for this first phase of work is CDN\$270,000 (AUS\$300,000).

This option/joint venture is in keeping with Tri Origin's strategy of forming alliances with mining firms to explore in known, mineral-rich areas, using modern technology to search for "buried" or "blind" ore deposits.

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