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## **EXPLORATION AGREEMENT AT OVERFLOW PROJECT, COBAR, NSW, AUSTRALIA**

**Tri Origin Australia NL ("TOA")**, a 91%-owned subsidiary of **Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:CDNX)** and Triako Resources Limited have entered into an option/joint venture agreement on TOA's 100%-owned Overflow property, New South Wales, Australia. Triako has the option to earn a 70% interest in the property by spending AUD\$1.0 million on exploration or by delineating a commercially viable resource over the next 4 years. Through previous agreement with Delta Gold NL, Delta may participate in the remaining interest held by TOA upon Triako reaching 70%.

Overflow is a 90 square kilometre property located 500 kilometres northwest of Sydney and 90 kilometres south of the Cobar Mining District. Cobar is the second largest base metal producing district in New South Wales and is also a significant gold mining centre with the Peak Mine, operated by Rio Tinto, currently in production.

The Overflow property covers a number of gold and base metal occurrences. The most significant of these is the Overflow Mine, which saw limited, high-grade production of gold and copper during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Drilling below old mine workings by Delta in 1995 intersected up to 5.6 metres grading 7.5 grams of gold per tonne, 60 grams of silver per tonne, 5.0% lead and 11.9% zinc.

Triako is a Sydney-based, mining firm listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (trading symbol TKR). It operates the Mineral Hill Mine, an underground gold/copper mine in central NSW only 40 kilometres southeast of Overflow. Triako has informed Tri Origin that it intends to commence an exploration program early in 2002. Initial work will focus on drilling near the old mine workings at Overflow with the objective of rapidly delineating a resource, which may be transported to the Mineral Hill Mine for treatment.

Management is pleased to have entered into this agreement with Triako. It provides another step to building our asset base in Australia. Shareholders will be notified upon commencement of Triako's drilling program.

Tri Origin also completed the private placement originally announced on January 31, 2002. Tri Origin issued 550,000 flow-through units to Robert Valliant, an insider. Each unit consists of one common share and one Series I common share purchase warrant. Each Series I common share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional common share at \$0.20 per share at any time up to February 19, 2003.

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