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EXPLORATION AGREEMENT AT 4M's PROJECT, COBAR, NSW, AUSTRALIA

Tri Origin Australia NL ("TOA"), a 91%-owned subsidiary of **Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:CDNX)** and Polymetals Mining Services Pty Ltd have entered into an agreement on a portion of TOA's 100%-owned, 132 square kilometre "4M's" property, New South Wales, Australia. Polymetals may earn a 100% interest in an 11 square kilometre area centred at the 4M's gold occurrence by funding exploration and reaching a positive production decision within 3 years. If successful and a mine is developed, Tri Origin is entitled to a 2% Net Smelter Return Royalty on all production. Through previous agreement with Aurion Gold Limited, previously Delta Gold NL, Aurion may also receive a production royalty upon successful mine development by Polymetals.

The 4M's gold occurrence is located 550 kilometres northwest of Sydney and 40 kilometres east of the Cobar Mining District. Cobar is a significant gold mining centre with the Peak Mine, operated by Rio Tinto, currently in production and is the second largest base metal producing district in New South Wales.

Gold has been intersected in a number of previously completed drill holes at 4M's. Significant intersections include; 3.4 grams of gold per tonne across 14 metres beginning at surface, 2.0 grams of gold per tonne across 17 metres beginning at 1 metre depth and 2.2 grams of gold per tonne across 10 metres beginning at 3 metres depth. At surface, the prospect has a strike length of 350 metres and has only been drilled to depths of approximately 40 metres over most of this length with only two holes drilled to a vertical depth of 90 metres. A second, 300 metre long zone located 300 metres northwest of 4M's is defined by rock-chip samples of up to 4.48 grams of gold per tonne. Only a minor amount of very shallow drilling has been completed at this zone.

Polymetals is a private, unlisted Brisbane-based, mining firm. It operates a gold processing plant now in operation at the Mount Boppy gold mine, 15 kilometres south of the 4M's prospect. Polymetals has informed Tri Origin that it intends to commence an exploration program in mid-2002. Initial work will focus on drilling at 4M's with the objective of rapidly delineating a resource, which may be transported to the Mount Boppy Mine for treatment. Shareholders will be notified upon commencement of the Polymetals drilling program.

Management is pleased to have entered into this agreement with Polymetals. It is complementary to another prior agreement announced on March 5 with Triako Resources Limited to explore Tri Origin's Overflow property at Cobar. These two drilling programs, funded and operated by mining firms who have gold treatment facilities nearby, will explore two of the Corporations Cobar properties. Tri Origin will continue with its focus in Australia of raising capital to advance its other major projects at Lewis Ponds and Woodlawn.

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Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. is publicly listed on the Canadian Venture Exchange under the trading symbol TOE.