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HUNT RESUMES AT TRI ORIGIN'S LEWIS PONDS FIELD

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX Venture Exchange) is pleased to announce that its 51.1% owned subsidiary **Tri Origin Minerals Ltd. (TRO)** on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) has commenced a reverse circulation (RC) and diamond drilling program at the Lewis Ponds gold-silver-zinc deposit in NSW, Australia, discovered by Tri Origin in the 1990's.

The TRO News Release is as follows:

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Newly-listed base and precious metals explorer Tri Origin Minerals says the drilling is now set to commence on Tuesday 13th April at its flagship Lewis Ponds Field near Orange NSW.

An RC rig will start the program and test down to 150m for shallow open cut or underground-mineable resources immediately above the crown of the 5.7 million tonne Indicated Resource described in the Company's December 2003 prospectus. The current resource contains 350,000 ounces gold, 18 million ounces silver and 194,000 tonnes zinc.

Up until 1921 shallow underground mining supported a smelter at Lewis Ponds and the Company says outcrop exposures, old workings and several drill holes indicate strong potential for a shallow resource.

Newly appointed Managing Director Julian Malnic says 'An open cut resource would really propel us forward in our exploration of the deeper repeat structures and the various surrounding geophysical and geochemical anomalies. Oxidation at Lewis Ponds is only a metre or two deep and the prospect of early mining from an open pit will bring us closer to a trigger point for pre-feasibility studies. The potential for additional structures is very good – so is the surrounding infrastructure.

'These VMS deposits occur in clusters. Canada's New Brunswick Field is a close geological analogue – in nine years they found seven deposits ranging between 11 and 150 million tonnes - and that was with more basic exploration techniques.'

Diamond holes to test below 200m are being sited to intersect the lens 2, 3 and 4 massive sulphide structures and will be collared when the RC program is

established. These other lenses are not included in the declared resource but contain significant sulphide intersections such as 42m of 2.8 g/t gold, 108 g/t silver, 0.17% copper, 4.5% zinc (lens 2).

In June, Tri Origin will fly its 165 square kilometre Lewis Pond Exploration Licence 5583 with the helicopter-borne HoistEM geophysical method now being offered exclusively by Perth-based contractor GPX. Tri Origin Director Bruce Kay says, 'We hope the HoistEM program will effectively define extensions and additional VMS (Volcanic Massive Sulphide) targets within this 15 km corridor of seafloor rocks.'

The work will be done by Anderson Drilling of Orange NSW. Management looks forward to commencement of its first drilling program since listing on the ASX and completing a \$5.4 million oversubscribed IPO earlier this year.

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