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**Tri Origin Minerals Appoints New Managing Director**

**Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSX Venture Exchange)** is pleased to report that its 51.1%-owned Australian subsidiary, Tri Origin Minerals Ltd. "TRO", today announced, the appointment of Mr. Bruce Merson Robertson as its new Managing Director effective November 1, 2004.

"We are privileged and pleased to have such a highly experienced and respected executive added to our Australian team of explorers," said Robert Valliant, President of Tri Origin Exploration.

A copy of TRO's news release as reported to the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) is as follows:



**ASX Announcement  
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**Tri Origin Minerals confirms appointment of new Managing Director.**

The Directors of Tri Origin Minerals are very pleased to announce that Bruce Merson Robertson will commence as Managing Director of the Company effective from 1 November 2004.

Bruce has over 25 years of experience in exploration, mining operations, consulting and banking having originally graduated as a Geologist with Honours which was later followed by a MBA. Past roles have included General Manager of Business Development at Ross Mining NL until it was taken over and 5 years with Macquarie Bank focusing on treasury and resource project financing. Bruce has also worked for Minproc Engineers, Forsayth Minerals and Collinsville Coal.

The Company believes that this appointment has the potential to add significant value for the shareholders of Tri Origin based on Bruce's history of project delivery; his executive management experience within the resource sector; his business development successes in a number of environments; and his significant commercial and financial experience.

The remuneration package comprises a fixed salary and participation in an option scheme whereby, subject to regulatory and shareholder approval, he will be granted 3,000,000 options to acquire shares in the Company at a strike price of 20c expiring 31 October 2009. These options will vest in tranches over the next three years.

The Board would like to thank Greg Martyr who has done an excellent job in his role as Interim Chief Executive Officer prior to the appointment of a new Managing Director.

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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 51.1%-equity interest in its subsidiary, Tri Origin Minerals Ltd.; a publicly traded company recently listed on the Australian Stock Exchange under the symbol "TRO."