



MEDIA STATEMENT

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OceanaGold Appoints Vice President, Exploration

OceanaGold Corporation is pleased to announce it has appointed Nick Franey as Vice President, Exploration.

Nick is a geologist with over 25 years experience in the mining industry. He was most recently Vice President, Exploration with Anvil Mining. While there, he led the exploration team that doubled the Company's resource base in less than two years at the Company's projects in Africa. Additionally, Nick was responsible for establishing an exploration program and team for the Company's Filipino projects in the Baguio region of The Philippines. Prior to his posting with Anvil Mining, Nick held senior exploration roles with Anglo American Plc for more than 20 years.

Nick will be responsible for the development and execution of OceanaGold's exploration strategy and in addition, will have primary responsibility for new project generation to grow the company's asset base.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Mining Geology from Leicester University, UK and a Masters of Science in Mineral Exploration from Rhodes University, South Africa.

OceanaGold's Chief Executive Officer, Steve Orr said "Nick's experience working in both greenfield and brownfield exploration projects throughout Asia-Pacific and Africa adds significant depth to OceanaGold's exploration team. Nick's expertise will benefit the Company's efforts to grow its reserves and resources through discovery and accretive acquisitions."

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About OceanaGold

OceanaGold currently operates in the South Island of New Zealand and in the Philippines. The Company's assets encompass New Zealand's largest gold mine at Macraes which includes the recently commissioned Frasers Underground operation, Reefon Gold Mine also in New Zealand and the Didipio Gold-Copper Project in northern Luzon, Philippines scheduled for commissioning in H1 2009. The Company expects to achieve gold production of approximately 500,000 gold equivalent ounces (AuEq) in 2009.

OceanaGold is listed on the Toronto, Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges under the symbol "OGC".

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