



MEDIA STATEMENT

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OceanaGold Appoints Director of Corporate Social Responsibility

OceanaGold Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Jamila Abassi as Director, Corporate Social Responsibility. Ms. Abassi will be responsible for the development and management of OceanaGold's corporate social responsibility programs. In this role, she will manage community partnerships and sustainable development initiatives for both the Philippines and New Zealand business units of the Company.

Ms. Abassi holds a Masters of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and International Development and brings thirteen years of experience designing, leading, and evaluating community research programs as well as associated sustainable development projects. Ms. Abassi was most recently Manager, Sustainable Programs with Teck Cominco Ltd where she was responsible for a number of programs and initiatives in Turkey, Mexico, and Panama. Prior to that she was Director, Community Relations & Development Programs with Kimber Resources Inc., a TSX-listed company focused on precious metals exploration in Mexico.

Steve Orr, CEO commented, " We are very pleased to welcome Jamila to the OceanaGold team. She brings extensive experience in both community engagement and program development initiatives in the resources sector. Jamila will work closely with our community relations and environmental teams across our operations in New Zealand and the Philippines and will be charged with continuing to advance the Company 'towards sustainability' as we strive to achieve industry best practices. "

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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, Reefion Gold Mine also in New Zealand and the Didipio Gold-Copper Project in northern Luzon, Philippines scheduled for commissioning in H1 2009.

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

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