



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### OCEANAGOLD ANNOUNCES SATISFACTION OF FINAL CONDITIONS FOR COMPLETION OF CAPITAL RAISING

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(MELBOURNE) OceanaGold Corporation (**ASX: OGC, TSX: OGC, NZX: OGC**) (the "**Company**") is pleased to announce today that all release conditions have been satisfied in relation to its subscription receipt financing and private placement. The release conditions included, among other matters, (i) receipt of shareholder approval at its special meeting of shareholders held on March 25, 2010; (ii) all regulatory and other approvals required in respect of the financing having been obtained; and (iii) in relation to the subscription receipt financing, the completion of the Company's previously announced private placement of 10,949,648 ASX listed Chess Depository Interests (CDIs).

Trading of the subscription receipts on the Toronto Stock Exchange was halted today and the outstanding subscription receipts will be automatically converted to common shares, for no additional consideration or further action required on the part of subscription receipt holders. Conversion of the subscription receipts will result in the issuance of 31,164,001 common shares of the Company.

Trading of the new CDIs on the ASX and the new common shares on the TSX is expected to commence at market opening on Tuesday, March 30th on each respective exchange.

Paul Bibby, CEO commented, "We are very pleased that the equity raising was overwhelmingly supported by existing shareholders and has brought in new shareholders to further strengthen our shareholder base. This C\$86 million equity raising is an important step in our strategy to de-risk the capital structure of the Company and to turn OceanaGold into a 100% unhedged gold producer. It also provides an expanded array of options for the Company moving forward."

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## **About OceanaGold**

OceanaGold Corporation is a significant Pacific Rim gold producer with projects located on the South Island of New Zealand and in the Philippines. The Company's assets encompass New Zealand's largest gold mining operation at the Macraes goldfield in Otago which is made up of the Macraes open pit and the Frasers Underground mines. Additionally on the west coast of the South Island, the Company operates the Reefion open-pit mine. OceanaGold is currently producing 270,000 – 300,000<sup>1</sup> ounces of gold per annum from the New Zealand operations. The Company also owns the Didipio Gold-Copper Project in northern Luzon, Philippines.

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

<sup>1</sup> For further information on production guidance, see January 22, 2010 press release.

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