



## **US\$10M, 55,000m EXPLORATION DRILLING PROGRAM COMMENCED**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE AND TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE**

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CGA Mining Limited (**ASX: CGX, TSX: CGA**) (“**CGA**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that exploration drilling at the Masbate Gold Project is now underway, with 55,000m of drilling and 15,000m of trenching planned to be carried out in the next 12 months.

Initial work will concentrate on proving up the current 5m ounces of inferred resources by infill drilling both along strike and down dip of existing reserves.

Two rigs will be drilling a program that is planned to include 10,000 meters of RC drilling combined with 20,000 meters of diamond core drilling.

Also geochemical and refined aeromagnetic work will be conducted on the newly permitted EP-010-2010-V (formerly ExPA 0039-V), with a focus to rapidly generating drill targets on this highly prospective ground. This tenement has an area of more than 52 sq. kilometres, and includes a number of known lightly explored vein systems, some of which have been mined at small scale during the last century. An airborne combined magnetic and radiometric survey has indicated the presence of significant fault structures trending through these vein systems, and the potassium channel radiometrics suggests extensive areas of altered rock which may be prospective.

Once this target generation is completed and priorities have been identified, an additional two drill rigs will be mobilised to the tenement area to undertake a further 15,000m of RC drilling, 10,000m of diamond core drilling and 15,000m trenching.

CGA will spend more than US\$10m in the next 12 months on the highly prospective areas surrounding the mine.

#### **ABOUT CGA MINING LIMITED**

CGA is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and Australian Securities Exchange. The Masbate Gold Project in the Philippines was successfully developed with first gold poured on 12 May 2009. The project which is currently ramping up to full production has a total indicated resource base of 4.55M ounces, total inferred resource base of 3.22M ounces and a probable reserve of 3.03M ounces of gold. It is currently forecast to produce over 200,000 ounces per annum.

The 4Mt per annum plant was constructed by Leighton Contractors Asia Limited (“Leighton”) without one lost time injury. The mining contract for the project has also been awarded to Leighton, the largest mining contractor in the world. CGA is completing a detailed study for the expansion of the plant throughput at Masbate to 6.5 Mtpa.

CGA has a disciplined acquisition program focused on acquiring new gold projects with a substantial initial resource with the capacity to grow materially and where the development and operational experience of CGA can be applied to enhance shareholder value.

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## NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 43-101 AND JORC COMPLIANCE

Mr Geoff.G.Jones, F.Aus.I.M.M.CP Mng, CGA’s Consulting Engineer, is acting as the Qualified Person in compliance with NI 43-101 and JORC reporting requirements with respect to this announcement. He has prepared and or supervised the preparation of the scientific or technical information in this announcement and confirms compliance with NI43-101 and JORC requirements.

Further information relating to the Masbate Project is included in the technical report entitled Technical Report on the Mineral Resources of the Masbate Deposit, Masbate Province, Republic of the Philippines for CGA Mining Limited prepared by Mining Associates Pty Ltd and available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), lodged 8 July 2008.

Andrew James Vigar of Mining Associates Pty Ltd, a qualified person, has verified the resource statement for the Masbate Project as disclosed in this announcement, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the estimate. Verification of the data included numerous site visits, database validation of historical drill results and review of sampling and assaying protocols. The qualified person was satisfied with the verification process.

A NI 43-101 compliant report has been lodged on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) verifying and supporting the reserve statement made for the Masbate Project. Mr Daniel Tuffin of Lower Quartile Solution Pty Ltd, a qualified person, has verified the reserve statement for the Masbate Project as disclosed in this announcement, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the estimate. Verification of the data included database validation of historical drill results and review of sampling and assaying protocols. The qualified person was satisfied with the verification process.

A NI 43-101 compliant report was lodged on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) on 3 December 2009 announcing a maiden resource estimate for CGA’s Segilola Gold Project in Nigeria. Mr Alfred John Gillman of Odessa Resources Pty Ltd, an independent qualified person experienced in the style of mineralisation at Segilola, completed the resource statement for the Segilola Gold Project including verification of the sampling, analytical and test data underlying the estimate. Verification also included a site visit, database validation of historical drill results and a review

of sampling and assaying protocols. The qualified person was satisfied with all of the protocols used during the drilling, sampling and in the Segilola Gold Project resource estimate compilation and computation.

#### **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This announcement includes certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein including, without limitation, statements and milestones related to the Masbate Gold Project and other projects, production estimates and CGA’s future operating or financial performance, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve various risks and uncertainties and are based on certain factors and assumptions. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from CGA’s expectations include uncertainties related to fluctuations in gold and other commodity prices and currency exchange rates; uncertainties relating to interpretation of drill results and the geology, continuity and grade of mineral deposits; uncertainty of estimates of capital and operating costs, recovery rates, production estimates and estimated economic return; the need for cooperation of government agencies in the development of CGA’s mineral projects; the possibility of delay in development programs or in construction projects and uncertainty of meeting anticipated program milestones for CGA’s mineral projects; and other risks and uncertainties disclosed under the heading “Risk Factors” in CGA’s Annual Information Form for the year ended 30 June 2009 filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).