



AUSTRALIAN SOLOMONS GOLD ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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(TSX:SGA) TORONTO, Ontario (January 30, 2009) - Australian Solomons Gold Limited ("ASG" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has completed its previously announced non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") of US\$10 million of ordinary shares ("Shares") at a price of C\$0.30 per Share to Resource Capital Fund III L.P. ("RCF III"). The Shares issued under the Private Placement are subject to a four-month hold period under Canadian securities laws and are "restricted securities" under U.S. securities laws.

The Private Placement was approved by disinterested shareholders of ASG at the Company's annual meeting held on November 25, 2008.

RCF III, together with its related funds, now owns 63,522,358 Shares, representing 61.15% of the issued and outstanding Shares of ASG, or 66,124,858 Shares representing 59.89% of ASG on a fully diluted basis.

The proceeds of the Private Placement will be used to finance the acquisition of long lead items for the development of the Gold Ridge Project and for general working capital.

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About ASG

ASG is developing the Gold Ridge Project, a former producing mine, located on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. The mine operated from August 1998 to June 2000 and produced approximately 210,000oz gold during this period. ASG acquired the project in May 2005 and has completed a Feasibility Study to redevelop the Gold Ridge Project which is planned to commence operations by 2010 subject to the approval of project financing.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

All statements, trend analysis and other information contained in this press release relative to markets for ASG's trends in resources, recoveries, production and anticipated expense levels, as well as other statements about anticipated future events or results constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "believe", "plan", "estimate", "expect" and "intend" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "should", "could" or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are subject to business and economic risks and uncertainties and other

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factors that could cause actual results of operations to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on estimates and opinions of management at the date the statements are made. Some of these risks, uncertainties and other factors are described under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Company’s annual information form available on www.sedar.com. ASG does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements even if circumstances or management’s estimates or opinions should change. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

The Toronto Stock Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this press release.

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