Chalice Gold Announces Private Share Placement



Chalice Gold Mines Limited ABN 47 116 648 956

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Chalice Gold Mines Limited announces that it has agreed to place approximately 17.2million shares at A\$0.36 per share, raising approximately A\$6.2 million before issue costs (the "Offering").

Net proceeds will be used to complete the feasibility study on the Koka deposit within the Zara Gold Project in Eritrea and for further exploration drilling at Koka East and Koka South.

Thomas Weisel Partners Canada Inc (Thomas Weisel) will act as placement agent for the Offering. The shares will be issued without a prospectus and by way of private placement exemptions in Canada, in the United States on a private placement basis pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and in the United Kingdom and Australia pursuant to applicable exemptions.

Subject to completion of an Agency Agreement with Thomas Weisel and Subscription Agreements with the placees, closing is scheduled on or about March 30, 2010.

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Executive Chairman

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INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Scoping study completed

Feasibility study by Mid-2010

Medium term production potential

Large underexplored ground position with potential for discovery of additional resources

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