



Escape Announces Option Agreement with MacDonald Mines Exploration Ltd. in Northern Ontario

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October 14, 2008 -Toronto, Ontario, Canada: **Escape Gold Inc.** ("Escape") President and CEO, T. John Magee is pleased to announce that Escape has signed an option agreement with MacDonald Mines Exploration Ltd. ("MacDonald") whereby MacDonald can earn a 40% interest in Escape's highly prospective base metal project in the Sachigo greenstone belt.

Escape considers this project to be a significant strategic asset considering the recent developments in the James Bay Lowlands, where Noront Resources Ltd. has made a significant nickel-copper-platinum-palladium discovery at its Double Eagle project.

Escape originally signed an option agreement with Shoreham Resources Ltd. to earn a 60% interest in certain claims by issuing 500,000 shares, paying \$50,000 and committing to exploration expenditures of \$1,000,000 prior to January 31, 2010. In July of 2008 Escape paid the final \$25,000 payment and issued the third tranche of 125,000 common shares pursuant to the Shoreham option agreement.

Escape staked an additional 5,312 hectares of land surrounding the VMS target property subject to the Shoreham option agreement and these claims will form part of the option agreement with MacDonald. MacDonald has an option to earn an additional 10% interest in the entire land package bringing their interest to 50% by completing certain expenditures as outlined below.

Terms of the option agreement

Upon receipt of regulatory approval, MacDonald is required to make cash payments to Escape of \$50,000 within 10 days of signing the Option agreement (Effective Date) and to issue to Escape 300,000 common shares and 300,000 warrants within 30 days of the Effective date and to issue an additional 300,000 shares and 300,000 share purchase warrants on or before the first anniversary of the Effective Date. The warrants are exercisable at \$0.40 per share for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance. MacDonald is required to commit exploration expenditures of \$360,000 during the twelve month period commencing from the Effective Date and can earn an additional 10% interest by completing an additional \$1,140,000 in exploration expenditures over four years bringing their total exploration expenditures to \$1,500,000 to earn a direct 50% interest. Upon earning their initial 40 % interest, MacDonald will deem Escape as fully vested under the Shoreham agreement pending Escape issuing the final 125,000 share tranche of Escape common shares to Shoreham pursuant to the original Option agreement.

History of the Property

The prospective base metal target area was first identified by a major mining company conducting reconnaissance airborne geophysical surveys and diamond drilling in the early nineteen seventies looking for potential extensions of the Thompson nickel belt into Ontario. These surveys identified a number of priority targets which were followed up by a series of diamond drill programs. MacDonald is reviewing all current and historical technical information to design and implement a diamond drill program prior to year end. MacDonald will be the operator during the option period and be responsible for all aspects of the exploration program.

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