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**PRESS RELEASE**

**VAALDIAM ATTENDS RESOURCEONE CONFERENCE, GIVES STRATEGIC UPDATE**

Vaalldiam Mining Inc. ('Vaalldiam' or 'the Company') (TSX:VAA) will present at 10.00 am on April 22, 2010 at the ResourceOne Conference at The W hotel at 541 Lexington Avenue (corner of 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>) in New York City.

Vaalldiam's Brazil-focused strategy is to use cash flow from its alluvial diamond and gold production to finance hard-rock exploration for both diamonds and gold while disposing of non-core assets in Kenya and Canada.

Vaalldiam is preparing to restart diamond production at the Duas Barras mine in Minas Gerais, Brazil with production expected by Q3, 2010. The mine contains National Instrument 43-101 indicated resources of 1,530,800 cubic metres of gravel at an average grade of 0.16 carats per cubic metre and 0.18 grams gold per cubic metre, and inferred resources of 810,000 cubic metres of gravel at an average grade of 0.16 carats per cubic metre and 0.18 grams of gold per cubic metre. The mine is expected to generate immediate and self-sustaining cash flow for Vaalldiam from the sale of diamonds and gold. Prior to the financial crisis the Duas Barras mine achieved average rough diamond sales values of US\$165 per carat. Operating costs are expected to average US\$85 per carat.

The Company is also evaluating its Chapada diamond mine near Cuiaba in Mato Grosso, Brazil with regard to either restarting production in 2011 or selling the asset. Chapada historically produced large, high quality diamonds that prior to the suspension of mining activity in July 2008 achieved average sales values of US\$490 per carat.

Robert Jackson, CEO, said "These two mines and their surrounding regions should make Vaalldiam self-supporting with the potential to increase resources and production. Our merger with Tiomin Resources Inc. created a new and well-financed diamond mining and exploration company in Brazil. We have production and exploration potential plus a very interesting gold property with current activity by artisanal miners. Vaalldiam's local management is highly skilled with many decades of combined experience with De Beers, Rio Tinto and CVRD. We are now working our way through the immediate post-merger issues but are highly confident that, after a period of consolidation, our assets and tight management will deliver a strong performance that rewards our shareholders. The Braúna and Catalao kimberlite diamond projects offer substantial exploration upside".

Ms. Katya Masun, P.Geol., Vaalldiam's Senior Resource Geologist, is a "qualified person" under National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed the technical information contained in this press release. For additional information regarding Vaalldiam Mining please visit [www.vaalldiam.com](http://www.vaalldiam.com) or contact Robert Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer at (416) 363-6927.

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