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CERTEJ MINE LIFE EXTENDED
TOTAL GROUP RESERVES EXCEED 10 MILLION OUNCES GOLD

15 January 2009 – European Goldfields Limited (AIM: EGU / TSX: EGU) (“European Goldfields” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce an extension to the life of mine reserves for the Certej deposit from 11 to 16 years and the acquisition of some additional 400 square kilometres of exciting new prospecting permits in Romania. The new reserves at Certej increase total group reserves of gold to more than 10 million ounces.

Extension to Certej Life of Mine

New probable reserves have been defined extending the total Certej project mine life to 16 years. The reserves are from lower grade material within the existing open pit design and contained by historic dumps adjacent to the Certej deposit and can be summarised as follows:

Description	Category	Tonnes	Au g/t	Au ounces	Ag g/t	Ag ounces
In-pit lower grade material	Probable	7,829,226	0.72	181,200	14.0	3,524,000
Dumps	Probable	6,320,190	0.53	107,700	8.9	1,802,000
Total	Probable	14,149,416	0.64	288,900	11.7	5,326,000

The existing open-pit design was optimised at a gold price of \$450 per troy ounce and, whilst the pit forms a natural limit to the mineralisation, there is material within the pit shell that becomes economic at a gold price of \$650 per ounce. In the previous mine plan this rock reported to the waste heap.

Drilling and channel sampling of historic dumps situated around the deposit has also defined new resources and reserves. Much of the material would have to be moved to make space for the planned Certej open-pit.

The rock dump and the in-pit lower-grade materials will be stockpiled and fed through the mill after the full grade ore from the pit has been treated in the first eleven and a half years of the life.

The 0.3 million ounces Au and 5.3 million ounces Ag reserves were estimated using mining costs defined in the Certej definitive feasibility study published in September 2008 with an additional cost for re-handling taken into account. A technical report detailing the extension to the life of mine will be submitted on to the SEDAR website within 45 days of this announcement.

The Certej definitive feasibility study of September 2008 defined an annual metal production averaging approximately 160,000 ounces of gold and 800,000 ounces of silver for the Certej project.

With the 32.8 million tonne probable reserve containing 2.1 million ounces of gold and 12.0 million ounces of silver previously defined at Certej, the total Certej probable reserves are 2.41 million ounces of gold and 17.3 million ounces of silver.

European Goldfields total reserves of gold are now 10.05 million ounces.

New Prospecting Permits in Romania

The Company has acquired two new prospecting permits totalling some 454 square kilometres. The licences cover two distinct areas. The first area forms a westward extension to the Company’s existing group of

licences centred on Certej. This western extension covers some 317 square kilometres and is adjacent to the well-known Brad mines which have produced as much as 20 million ounces of gold according to historic records and were operated by the Romanian state until 2006. Deposits in this geological terrain include examples of disseminated gold, porphyry mineralisation as well as the more prolific and higher grade epithermal deposits. The Company has also acquired raw data from an airborne magnetic and radiometric geophysical survey which covers much of the area and will begin processing this data in early in 2009.

The second area covers some 137 square kilometres and includes the Deva copper gold porphyry and the Muncel - Vetel massive sulphide deposits. The Deva porphyry was operated by the Romanian state owned mining company between 1950 and 2001. During this time it produced some 19 million tonnes of ore at a grade of 0.7% copper. Gold grades were not recorded systematically throughout the mine life but are indicated to be approximately 0.5 g/t gold. The porphyry is defined to a depth of 800 metres and is one of a series of intrusives within a volcanic complex which is completely under explored. The Muncel – Vitel area hosts known copper, lead and zinc mineralisation in a series of stacked massive sulphide horizons recorded as being Volcanogenic Massive Sulphides (VMS) type. The mineralisation has been traced along more than 5 kilometres of strike length and the area has never been investigated with modern techniques.

European Goldfields plans to commence reconnaissance mapping, geochemical and geophysical surveying and sampling of these exciting and highly prospective areas early in 2009. This will be the first time that modern techniques have been applied to much of the area acquired and the Company will capitalise on its knowledge of porphyry and epithermal deposits gained from its previous work on the Tethyan belt of central and southeast Europe within Greece, Romania and Turkey.

Commenting on these developments David Reading, Chief Executive Officer of European Goldfields said:

"We are delighted that our group reserves now exceed 10 million ounces of gold. Progress made with Certej over the last few months has been significant, we have added a further 4 years of mine life and are actively expanding our business in Romania. Romania has the combination of an excellent mining workforce and prospective geology – combining these attributes with our modern mining practices will deliver an exciting and exemplary project."

Directors Dealings

On 1 January 2009, 100,000 restricted share units granted for nil consideration in August 2008 to Mark Rachovides (Executive Vice President), and 75,000 restricted share units granted for nil consideration in August 2008 to Tim Morgan-Wynne (Chief Financial Officer) under the Company's Restricted Share Unit Plan were redeemed for nil consideration into an equal number of Common Shares of the Company, from which the Company withheld 70,000 shares for tax purposes. As a result, Mr Mark Rachovides is now beneficially interested in 60,000 common shares of the Company representing 0.03% of the Company's issued share capital and Mr Tim Morgan-Wynne is now beneficially interested in 135,000 common shares of the Company representing 0.08% of the Company's issued share capital.

Further to this redemption, Mark Rachovides and Tim Morgan-Wynne do not hold any more restricted share units.

About European Goldfields

European Goldfields Limited is a resource company involved in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in Greece, Romania and South-East Europe.

Greece – European Goldfields holds a 95% interest in Hellas Gold S.A. Hellas Gold owns three major gold and base metal deposits in Northern Greece. The deposits are the polymetallic operation at Stratoni, the Olympias project which contains gold, zinc, lead and silver, and the Skouries copper/gold porphyry project. Hellas Gold commenced production at Stratoni in September 2005 and started selling an existing stockpile of gold concentrates from Olympias in July 2006. Hellas Gold is applying for permits to develop and build the Skouries and Olympias projects.

Romania – European Goldfields owns 80% of the Certej gold/silver project in Romania. In July 2008, the National Agency of Mineral Resources approved the technical feasibility study in support of its permit application and issued a new mining permit for the Certej project.

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Resources & reserves parameters

For additional information on the resource and reserve estimates quoted in this news release, please refer to the Company's Resources & Reserves Declaration at www.egoldfields.com/goldfields/resources.jsp. Patrick Forward, General Manager, Exploration of the Company, was the Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101 responsible for reviewing the disclosure of resource and reserve estimates quoted in this news release.

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