



MEDIA RELEASE

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OCEANAGOLD FY2009 FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL RESULTS

(MELBOURNE) OceanaGold Corporation (**ASX: OGC, TSX: OGC, NZX: OGC**) (the "Company") is releasing summary financial results (unaudited) for the year ending December 31, 2009. This release follows the fourth quarter production report released on January 22nd which outlined record gold sales for the year of 300,044 ounces, an increase of 14% compared to FY2008. Cash operating costs for the year were US\$411 per ounce, a 23% improvement on FY2008. Audited Financial Statements together with the Management Discussion & Analysis report for FY2009 will be released by month end.

Key highlights include:

Gold sales	300,044 ounces
Cash cost per ounce sold	US\$411 per ounce
Cash flow from operations	US\$94.2 million
Cash and cash equivalents at year end	US\$42.4 million
Net earnings	US\$54.5 million

Paul Bibby, CEO commented, "Last year was a record year for the Company with both gold sales and cash costs finishing ahead of guidance issued at the beginning of 2009. The New Zealand operations have now demonstrated consistent operating performance over the past six quarters and this provides a stable production platform for the Company moving forward."

The following table summarises key operational metrics for Q4 2009 and FY2009.

	Third Quarter 2009	Fourth Quarter 2009	Year Ended 2009	Year Ended 2008
<u>Gold Production</u>				
Ounces Produced	70,020	72,094	300,391	259,182
Ounces Sold	71,492	72,140	300,044	264,124
Cash operating cost (US\$/oz)	473	485	411	532
Total operating cost (US\$/oz)	722	750	630	722
Average price received (US\$/oz)	838	927	790	822
<u>Macraes, NZ</u>				
Ounces Produced	48,065	47,470	213,049	183,680
Mill Feed (dry milled tonnes)	1,396,186	1,410,198	5,635,537	5,545,008
Mill Feed grade (grams/tonnes)	1.38	1.33	1.47	1.31
<u>Reefton, NZ</u>				
Ounces Produced	21,955	24,624	87,342	76,132
Mill Feed (dry milled tonnes)	309,762	347,316	1,278,176	1,192,954
Mill Feed grade (grams/tonnes)	2.55	2.62	2.60	2.47

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31 2009

Unaudited

<i>(in thousands of United States dollars)</i>	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	42,423	9,711
Accounts receivable and other receivables	3,460	2,680
Inventories	25,315	21,910
Other Assets	1,257	2,454
Future income tax assets	9,006	8,936
Total current assets	81,461	45,691
Non-current assets		
Inventories	33,133	18,763
Derivatives	-	1,997
Future income tax assets	8,684	31,175
Property, plant and equipment	118,156	131,377
Mining assets	546,272	400,987
Total non-current assets	706,245	584,299
TOTAL ASSETS	787,706	629,990
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	29,996	24,459
Employee benefits	2,358	1,726
Derivatives	89,875	48,780
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	62,794	14,087
Asset retirement obligation	38	53
Total current liabilities	185,061	89,105
Non-current liabilities		
Other long term obligations	2,778	3,284
Derivatives	-	80,066
Future income tax liabilities	77,753	61,457
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	120,880	142,625
Asset retirement obligation	8,621	6,797
Total non-current liabilities	210,032	294,229
TOTAL LIABILITIES	395,093	383,334
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share Capital	354,915	334,975
Reserves	37,698	(88,319)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	392,613	246,656
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	787,706	629,990

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31 2009

Unaudited

<i>(in thousands of United States dollars)</i>	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue		
Gold sales	237,057	217,214
Other income	-	279
	237,057	217,493
Cost of sales, excluding depreciation and amortisation	(121,310)	(138,154)
Depreciation and amortisation	(66,181)	(50,547)
General & administration	(9,179)	(15,338)
	40,387	13,454
Other expenses		
Net Interest	(14,389)	(18,056)
Gain/(loss) on fair value of undesignated hedges	58,241	(73,408)
Sundry expense	(390)	2,387
Earnings/(loss) before income taxes	83,849	(75,623)
Income taxes benefit/(expense)	(29,337)	20,888
Net earnings/(loss)	54,512	(54,735)

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For year ended December 31 2009

Unaudited

<i>(in thousands of United States dollars)</i>	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Operating activities		
Net earnings/(loss)	54,512	(54,735)
<i>Charges/(credits) not affecting cash</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation expense	66,181	50,547
Other Non Cash items	2,025	4,548
Non-cash derivative expenses	(58,241)	73,408
Future tax expense/(benefit)	29,337	(20,888)
Increase/(Decrease) in working capital	369	(5,155)
Net cash provided by operating activities	94,183	47,725
Investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	27	46
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(6,696)	(2,974)
Payments for mining assets: exploration and evaluation	(2,168)	(5,381)
Payments for mining assets: development	(3,022)	(56,373)
Payments for mining assets: in production (infrastructure, prestrip)	(59,154)	(43,634)
Net cash (used) for investing activities	(71,013)	(108,316)
Financing activities		
Proceeds on issue of capital stock	19,576	-
Payments for interest bearing liabilities	(16,643)	(23,228)
Settlement of derivatives	-	(25,906)
Net cash provided by / (used for) financing activities	2,933	(49,134)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	6,609	(401)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	32,712	(110,126)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,711	119,837
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	42,423	9,711

Webcast

Details of the Company's FY2009 results webcast will be made available next week.

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About OceanaGold

OceanaGold Corporation is a significant Pacific Rim gold producer with projects located on the South Island of New Zealand and in the Philippines. The Company's assets encompass New Zealand's largest gold mining operation at the Macraes complex in Otago which is made up of the Macraes open pit and the Frasers Underground mines. Additionally on the west coast of the South Island, the Company operates the Reefton open-pit mine. OceanaGold produced more than 300,000 oz of gold from the New Zealand Operations in 2009 and expects to produce 270,000 – 290,000 oz in 2010¹. The Company also owns the Didipio Gold-Copper Project in northern Luzon, Philippines.

OceanaGold is listed on the Toronto, Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges under the symbol OGC.

¹ For further information on production guidance, see January 22, 2010 press release.

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