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OceanaGold Closes out Hedge Contracts

OceanaGold is pleased to announce that it has settled its gold hedging contracts for the first nine months of 2008. The settlement amount was US\$26 million which was sourced from a US\$27 million restricted surety held by the banking syndicate providing the hedging facilities. This transaction reduces the Company's fixed forward contracts by 78,312 ounces (25% of the outstanding hedges) bringing the total fixed forward contracts outstanding to 241,476 ounces as of September 30, 2008. The remaining contracts are scheduled for delivery over the next 27 months to December 2010.

As reported in January of this year, the Company had considered rolling its entire 2008 hedge contracts to 2011. Given the continued tightening in global credit markets, the settlement of these hedges reduces OceanaGold's liabilities and increases its credit capacity and funding options for the Company's current initiatives.

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About OceanaGold

OceanaGold currently operates in the South Island of New Zealand and in the Philippines. The Company's assets encompass New Zealand's largest gold mine at Macraes which includes the recently commissioned Frasers Underground operation, Reefion Gold Mine also in New Zealand and the Didipio Gold-Copper Project in northern Luzon, Philippines currently under construction.

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

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