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OCEANAGOLD ANNOUNCES EQUITY OFFERING

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(MELBOURNE) OceanaGold Corporation (**ASX: OGC, TSX: OGC, NZX: OGC**) (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce today that it has filed and received a receipt for a preliminary short form prospectus in all of the provinces of Canada, except Québec, in connection with a proposed overnight marketed offering (the “**Offering**”) of subscription receipts in the Company (the “**Subscription Receipts**”). Each Subscription Receipt will entitle the holder to receive, without payment of additional consideration or further action, one common share of the Company upon satisfaction of certain release conditions which include approval of the Offering by shareholders at a Special Meeting scheduled to be held on 25 March 2010.

The Offering will be priced in the context of the market with the final terms of the Offering to be determined at the time the underwriting agreement is executed. The offering of Subscription Receipts is scheduled to close on or about 4 March 2010 and is subject to certain customary conditions and regulatory approval, including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Concurrently with the Offering, the Company is also conducting a private placement of ASX listed Chess Depository Interests (“**CDI’s**”), at the Australian dollar equivalent of the price of the Subscription Receipts issued under the Offering (the “**Private Placement**”). The issue of CDIs is also subject to approval by shareholders at the Special Meeting referred to above.

The Offering will be conducted by a syndicate of underwriters led by Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd.

The net proceeds of the Offering and the Private Placement, if completed, will be used to fund the restructure of the Company’s existing gold hedging facilities. The remainder of the net proceeds (if any) are expected to be used by the Company for other working capital requirements and/or general corporate purposes.

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The preliminary short form prospectus relating to the Offering has been filed with securities commissions or similar authorities in each of the provinces of Canada, other than Québec. A copy of the preliminary prospectus will also be lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange. The preliminary prospectus is still subject to completion or amendment. A copy of the preliminary prospectus may be obtained on SEDAR (www.sedar.com). There will not be any sale or any acceptance of an offer to buy the securities issued under the prospectus until a receipt for the final prospectus has been issued.

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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 Reefion 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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