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OCEANAGOLD ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF DR. GEOFF RABY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(MELBOURNE) OceanaGold Corporation (ASX: OGC, TSX: OGC, NZX: OGC) ("the Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Geoff Raby to the Company's Board of Directors.

Dr. Raby is the current Australian Ambassador to The People's Republic of China and will join the Board upon his retirement from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on August 5th, 2011.

Dr. Raby joined the Australian public service in 1986 and has held various postings throughout Asia and Europe prior to his current posting in Beijing. He holds Bachelor of Economics, Master of Economics and PhD degrees from the Latrobe University in Melbourne.

Jim Askew, Chairman commented, "The appointment of Dr. Raby to our Board is welcomed and adds great depth to our capacity to successfully grow our business in the Asia Pacific region. Dr. Raby has made a significant contribution in promoting Australian mining interests abroad over a number of years. His deep knowledge and understanding of the resources industry, including the critical nature of obtaining and maintaining social license to operate in foreign jurisdictions is well documented. OceanaGold is honored by his acceptance of the invitation to become a non-executive director and the Board looks forward to working with him at this exciting time in the Company's history."

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About OceanaGold

OceanaGold Corporation is a significant Asia Pacific 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 goldfield 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 produces approximately 270,000 ounces of gold per annum from the New Zealand operations. The Company also owns the Didipio Project in northern Luzon, Philippines where construction activities are now underway.

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

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