



ETRUSCAN'S YOUNGA GOLD MINE PRODUCES OVER 6,500 OUNCES IN SEPTEMBER

Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 8, 2008 – Etruscan Resources Inc. (EET.TSX) reported today that its Youga Gold Mine located in Burkina Faso, West Africa poured in excess of 6,500 ounces of gold in the month of September representing 98% of the design output of 6,700 ounces per month. With the Youga Mine now stabilizing, Etruscan is focusing its attention on optimizing the operation and increasing production. Etruscan has recently retained the services of the Jamieson Group (www.jamiesonconsulting.com.au), a leading operational improvement firm specializing in mining operations, to assist in identifying areas where productivity improvements can be made.

The production statistics for the third quarter 2008 and the month of September follow:

	<u>Q3 2008</u> <u>June to August</u>	<u>September*</u>
Tonnes Milled	183,851	74,976
Head Grade (g/t)	2.43	3.51
Gold Poured (oz)	11,790	6,572

*Note: Production numbers are preliminary and are subject to final adjustments

Mining is currently being carried out from two pits: the A2 Main and the West Pit Zone 1. The West Zone 1 pit is a higher grade, low strip orebody which started production in August and will continue to allow for the steady improvement of gold production over the coming months.

The Youga Gold Project is comprised of open pit mining from five pits with the ore being processed through a conventional CIL/gravity plant having a design capacity of one million tonnes per annum. Mineable reserves are 6.6 million tonnes with an average grade of 2.7 grams per tonne containing 580,000 ounces of gold. The project benefits from a year-round water supply from a nearby major river system (the White Volta) and access to grid power supplied via the northern grid of the Volta River Authority in Ghana is forecast for fourth quarter 2008. The current diesel powered generator system will then act as a back-up power plant to ensure constant power to the site. The Youga facility has been designed for maximum operating availability and in particular, the mill drive system was supplied new with a second new drive train (motor and gearbox) being stocked on site as a spare.

Robert Harris, P.Eng., Vice President of Operations of Etruscan, is the Qualified Person overseeing production and development in West Africa and South Africa and has reviewed and approved this press release.

About Etruscan Resources Inc.

Etruscan Resources Inc. is a gold focused Canadian junior mining company with dominant land positions in district scale gold belts covering more than 13,000 square kilometers in West Africa. Its principal mine development projects include the **Youga Gold Project in Burkina Faso** (latest press release dated August 20, 2008), the **Agbaou Gold Project in Côte d'Ivoire** (latest press release dated February 21, 2008), and the **Finkolo Gold Project in Mali** (latest press release dated July 2, 2008). Advanced and early stage exploration projects are on-going in Burkina Faso, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana (see press

release dated June 10, 2008) and Namibia (see press release dated June 19, 2008). See press release dated May 6, 2008 for a comprehensive update of explorations projects. Etruscan also has a 52.1% interest in Etruscan Diamonds Limited which has a dominant land position in the Ventersdorp Diamond District located in South Africa. (latest press release dated September 11, 2008). The common shares of Etruscan are traded on the TSX Exchange under the symbol "EET". More extensive information on Etruscan can be found on its home page at <http://www.etruscan.com>

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