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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

SWICK SECURES FIRST DRILLING TRIAL IN CANADA

Swick Mining Services (ASX:SWK) is pleased to announce that it has secured its first underground diamond drilling trial in Canada at the LaRonde Gold Mine owned by Agnico-Eagle Mines. The trial is a key milestone for Swick's North American expansion program, providing the opportunity to showcase the Company's market leading rig on Canadian soil for the first time.

Swick has secured a one rig, three month underground diamond drilling trial at the LaRonde Gold Mine in the Province of Quebec, commencing 1 September 2009. Swick will mobilise a new underground diamond drill rig from its Sudbury headquarters in Canada for the trial.

LaRonde is the largest gold deposit in Canada, with gold reserves of five million ounces and annual gold production of approximately 380,000 ounces (gold equivalent). The mine has operated continuously since 1988, producing in excess of three million ounces of gold. LaRonde is owned and operated by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, a Canadian based mining house with operations in Canada, Finland, Mexico and the USA, and a market capitalisation of approximately US\$9 billion.

The trial is expected to include a significant reserve definition drilling program, requiring relatively short holes to be drilled and a high number of rig moves, which will demonstrate the rig's strong mobility and productivity advantages.

Managing Director Kent Swick said: "The award of the drilling trial at LaRonde offers Swick a showcase for our market leading mobile underground diamond drill rig in Canada. Our rig has consistently delivered superior safety, productivity, value and versatility in the Australian market since its introduction in 2004, allowing Swick to become the dominant player in Australia with 30 rigs in work."

"It is worth noting that in Australia, Swick has an excellent track record in converting drilling trials to long-term contracts," Kent Swick added. "We are therefore confident that we will be able to demonstrate significant safety, productivity, value and versatility benefits at the LaRonde Gold Mine and build a strong operational foundation for further penetration of the Canadian market. We are proud to be awarded a trial at a world class mine where the client is focused on innovation, technology and continuous improvement."

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Swick', is positioned above the printed name of the Managing Director.

KENT SWICK
MANAGING DIRECTOR

About Swick Mining Services:

Swick Mining Services (ASX:SWK) is one of Australia's largest mineral drilling contractors, providing high quality, high value underground and surface drilling services to a diverse group of blue chip mining houses. The Company has a strong reputation for innovation in rig design and drilling practices, and for delivering increased productivity, safety, versatility and value to its clients. Swick recently committed to expanding its operations outside of Australia and building a global brand through an expansion into targeted international markets, with an initial focus on North America.

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