



News Release

Keegan Hires Engineer to Lead Esaase Gold Project Development

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - July 7, 2009) - Keegan Resources Inc. ("Keegan") (TSX:KGN)(AMEX:KGN) is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Tagami as Vice President, Project Development for Keegan.

As Vice President, Project Development for Keegan, Mr. Tagami will oversee all design, geotechnical, metallurgical, hydrology and environmental engineering for the Esaase Gold Project.

Keegan President and CEO Dan McCoy states: "Keegan is very pleased to have a dedicated and experienced mine development professional join our team to lead the development of the Esaase Gold Project."

About Keegan Resources - Keegan is a junior gold company offering investors the opportunity to share ownership in the development of the Esaase Gold Project.

On Behalf of the Board

Dan McCoy, Ph.D., President & CEO

Forward Looking and other Cautionary Information

This release includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this release, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements.

Information Concerning Estimates of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources This news release also uses the terms 'inferred resources' and 'measured resources' which are defined in the National Instrument 43-101.

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