Detour Gold Commits to Purchasing Long Lead-Time Equipment for the Plant Facility at Detour Lake

Detour Gold Corporation (TSX: DGC) (“Detour Gold” or the “Company”) is pleased to report that the Company has signed a Letter of Award with FLSmidth Minerals Inc. for the procurement of two 36’X20’ (14 megawatts) semi-autogenous (SAG) mills, two 26’X40’ (15 megawatts) ball mills, and one 60”X113” gyratory crusher for the proposed plant facility at its 100% owned Detour Lake gold project in Ontario. In addition, the Company is purchasing eight drive systems for the two lines of SAG and ball mills from ABB Switzerland Ltd.

The current delivery time for this equipment is approximately one year but the Company has requested delivery in the second half of 2011. Construction of the 55,000 tonnes per day (tpd) open pit operation is expected to start in late 2010 following receipt of permits with gold production commencing in early 2013. Detour Lake is expected to be among the largest gold operations in North America.

Gerald Panneton, President and CEO, stated: “Management’s decision to order the long lead-time equipment at this time is based on confirming the throughput capacity for the processing plant combined with the feasibility study nearing its completion. We are taking advantage of this current market where we are seeing cost savings and reduced delivery times.”

The Company expects to complete the feasibility study prior to the end of the second quarter of 2010. For the mineral reserve estimate, the Company is using a gold price of US$850/oz (representing the last three-year average) and a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t gold (compared to 0.6 g/t gold in the pre-feasibility study). The feasibility study will include:

- Approximately 85,000 metres of the 2009 drilling program results added in the database for the reserve and resource estimates
- Metallurgical test results indicating that the grinding can be increased to 90 microns (from 75 microns in the pre-feasibility study) without any significant loss in overall gold recovery (remaining over 91%)
- Additional crushing capacity added to the front end of the grinding circuit to maximize throughput to 55,000 tpd versus 45,000 tpd in the pre-feasibility study
- Addition of a third cell for the tailings management facility to accommodate the expected increase in mineral reserves

With the positive impact of the additional drilling and using a lower cut-off grade in the reserve estimate, the Company is expected to exceed 10 million ounces in reserves. As a result, the mine is expected to be in operation beyond the 14.5 years estimated in the pre-feasibility study and achieve an average gold production of over 600,000 ounces per year.

André Allaire, Eng., Director Mining and Metals for BBA Inc. (the lead firm for the Detour Lake feasibility study), Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, has approved the throughput capacity of 55,000 tpd and has reviewed the content of this news release.
About Detour Gold

Detour Gold is a Canadian gold exploration and development company with a highly experienced management and technical team whose primary focus is to advance the development of its flagship Detour Lake gold project located in northeastern Ontario.

The Company is completing a feasibility study and expects to release the results prior to the end of the second quarter of 2010. In parallel, the Company is advancing the permitting and engineering development work.

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Forward-Looking Information

This press release contains certain forward-looking information as defined in applicable securities laws (referred to herein as "forward-looking statements"). Specifically, this press release contains forward-looking statements regarding the construction of the open pit operation at Detour Lake, the size of the operation, the commencement of gold production and the average gold production, the completion of the feasibility study, Detour Gold’s expected reserves and the expected mine life. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which are beyond Detour Gold’s ability to predict or control and may cause Detour Gold's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any of its future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, gold price volatility, changes in debt and equity markets, the uncertainties involved in interpreting geological data, increases in costs, environmental compliance and changes in environmental legislation and regulation, interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations, general economic conditions and other risks involved in the gold exploration and development industry, as well as those risk factors discussed in the section entitled "Description of Business - Risk Factors" in Detour Gold's 2009 annual information form. Such forward-looking statements are also based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about the following: the availability of financing for exploration and development activities; the estimated timeline for the development of the Project; the supply and demand for, and the level and volatility of the price of, gold; the accuracy of reserve and resource estimates and the assumptions on which the reserve and resource estimates are based; the receipt of necessary permits; market competition; ongoing relations with employees and impacted communities; and general business and economic conditions. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Detour Gold undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements contained herein whether as a result of new information or future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.