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## NEWS RELEASE

### **VENTANA APPOINTS BLAIR WAY AS VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

**Vancouver, B.C., February 4, 2009 – Ventana Gold Corp. (TSX: VEN)** (“Ventana” or “the Company”) has appointed Blair Way to the position of Vice President Project Development, effective immediately.

Blair has more than 24 years of international experience with construction projects throughout Australasia, North America and the United Kingdom. He was most recently President and Project Director for OceanaGold in the Philippines. Prior to that he was Project Manager with Hatch Associates in Brisbane, where he supported various mining and metal related projects in Australia, South Africa, China, Papua New Guinea and South East Asia. Earlier in his career, Blair served as a Project Director on major projects for BHP Billiton (QNI Pty Ltd) in Townsville, Queensland, where he oversaw the implementation of sizeable improvement projects from pre-feasibility through to commissioning.

Blair will be responsible for leading Ventana’s mining projects through feasibility to design, construction and into operation. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Petroleum Geology) from Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Queensland, Australia.

Ventana President and CEO Steve Orr said: “This appointment is a valuable addition to Ventana’s management team, as we continue our aggressive growth strategy and move towards feasibility at the La Bodega project in Colombia.”

#### **About Ventana**

Ventana is a Vancouver-based mineral exploration and development company with mineral rights to 4,573 hectares of exploration property in northeastern Colombia. Ventana is currently drilling at the La Bodega project with a focus on expanding the high-grade La Mascota zone. The Company’s shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol VEN.

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