



**NEWS RELEASE**

**VENTANA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL LA MASCOTA DRILL RESULTS  
- 84 METRES OF 13.66 GRAMS PER TONNE GOLD**

Vancouver, B.C., October 5, 2009 – Ventana Gold Corp. (TSX: VEN) (“Ventana” or “the Company”) is pleased to provide drill results from drill hole 143 within the La Mascota zone at the La Bodega gold project in Colombia.

Hole 143 was drilled at an angle of 88° and intercepted 84 metres averaging 13.66 grams per tonne gold starting at a depth of 239 metres. When adjusted for true width, this intercept is about 42 metres wide and represents the highest value true width intercept to date. Select intervals are listed in the following table.

DRILL HOLE NO.	FROM (metres)	TO (metres)	INTERVAL (metres)	Au (grams/tonne)
<b>La Mascota Zone</b>				
<b>DDH-09-LB-143</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>4.28</b>
<b>DDH-09-LB-143</b> <i>including</i>	<b>117.00</b> 119.00	<b>135.00</b> 121.00	<b>18.00</b> 2.00	<b>3.63</b> 15.71
<b>DDH-09-LB-143</b>	<b>173.00</b>	<b>192.93</b>	<b>19.93</b>	<b>4.02</b>
<b>DDH-09-LB-143</b> <i>including</i>	<b>238.96</b> 244.00 263.00 286.00	<b>323.08</b> 247.00 266.00 307.00	<b>84.12</b> 3.00 3.00 <b>21.00</b>	<b>13.66</b> 43.62 20.78 <b>32.54</b>

*Drill intercepts are based on a 0.5 gram/tonne gold cut-off with no upper cut. Drill intercept lengths are down-hole lengths reflecting apparent widths of mineralization with true widths at about 50% of the reported down-hole length.*

Ventana President and CEO Steve Orr said these drill results, along with other holes in the immediate vicinity, indicate that the southwestern portion of the structure is proving to be the most strongly mineralized area in terms of grade and thickness. “Hole 143 is one of the most significant drill intercepts to date and confirms the continuity of mineralization within the La Mascota zone. We are confident this will significantly improve the overall grade and size of the deposit.”

Ventana has now drilled up to hole 151 and assays are pending on 18 holes. During the month of September, there were five active exploration drills and a combined total of 3,100 metres were drilled at La Mascota.

The 2009 drill program is part of Ventana's ongoing gold exploration program in the California-Vetas gold mining district of northeast Colombia. Ventana's current exploration activities are concentrated on the high-grade La Mascota zone within the La Bodega project. Recent property acquisitions have added 1,300 metres of potential strike length to extend this zone to the southwest and consolidate a land position that now totals 4,573 hectares. In conjunction with in-fill drilling, Ventana is also conducting step-out drilling following the strike extension to the southwest. The latest active drill hole is about 450 metres southwest of hole 143.

Mineralization at La Bodega occurs as a series of north-northwest-dipping parallel-sheeted vein zones, breccias and mineralized faults hosted within a broad, northeast trending regional fault zone.



### **Review by Qualified Person, Quality Control and Reports**

The results of Ventana's drilling program have been reviewed, verified and compiled by Jon Lehmann, L.P.G., a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Lehmann has over 25 years of mineral exploration experience, is a Licensed Professional Geologist in the State of Washington and a member in good standing of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

To ensure reliable sample results Ventana has a rigorous QA/QC program in place that monitors the chain-of-custody of samples and includes the insertion of blanks, duplicates, and certified reference standards in each batch of samples. Core is photographed and sawed in half with one half retained in a secured facility for verification purposes. Sample preparation (crushing and pulverizing) is performed at an independent local laboratory established by a joint effort between the regional environmental permitting agency ("CDMB") and the German Geological Survey, and at the Colombian preparation laboratory of ACME Analytical Laboratories. Prepared samples are direct-shipped to ACME Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver, B.C., an ISO 9001:2000 certified laboratory, for analysis. Pulp splits of mineralized intervals are re-assayed at an independent referee laboratory, Inspectorate America Corp. in Reno, Nevada.

Independent NI 43-101 technical reports have been prepared by EurGeol Miller O'Prey, P.Geo., for the La Bodega project and the nearby California-Vetas project to provide an updated review of the exploration activities that have occurred on the projects. These reports, dated June 14, 2008, are posted on Ventana's website at [www.ventanagold.com](http://www.ventanagold.com).

### **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 property 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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