

Chaarat Gold Holdings Limited

(“Chaarat” or the “Company”)

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer and Drilling Update

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Chaarat (AIM: CGH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Benoît de Galbert as Chief Operating Officer of the Group and to report drilling results from previously unreported drilling intersections at both Kiziltash and Tulkubash.

Selected results from the Contact Zone of the Kiziltash Project

- DH UG-14 interval of 12 metres @ 5.27 g/t
- DH UG-18 interval of 4.50 metres @ 8.71 g/t
- DH UG 19 interval of 6.00 metres @ 4.29 g/t
- DH UG-20 interval of 8.50 metres @ 4.02 g/t
- DH UG-22 interval of 22.50 metres @ 4.24 g/t
- DH UG-405 interval of 12 metres @ 3.39 g/t

Selected results from the Tulkubash Project

- T0703 interval of 7.50 metres @ 4.83 g/t
- T0707 interval of 12.0 metres @ 5.13 g/t
- T0708 interval of 6.55 metres @ 3.47 g/t
- T0722 interval of 16.5 metres @ 4.10 g/t
- T0726 interval of 4.50 metres @ 4.69 g/t
- T0727 interval of 6.00 metres @ 4.43 g/t

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

In preparation for the Company's move towards production, Chaarat has appointed Mr. Benoît de Galbert as its Chief Operating Officer. Benoît will join the Company in March 2011 and will be based in Bishkek. He will be responsible for the design, permitting, construction, and organisation of the mine and processing plant to be erected at the Company's Chaarat property.

Benoît is an experienced manager who began his career with Arthur Andersen & Co. in the early 1980s, before moving to roles with a number of French financial institutions, ELF Aquitaine between 1991 and 1998 and Legris Industries between 1998 and 2000.

In 2000 he joined COGEMA (which became AREVA in 2003 following its merger with FRAMATONE), and in 2003 was appointed as General Manager of KATCO, AREVA's joint venture in uranium production with Kazatomprom in Kazakhstan and was in charge of Central Asian operations for AREVA. As such he managed the design, construction and the production ramp up of a large uranium project. The project involved the construction of two uranium processing plants and the mining

programmes for in-situ leaching with a total output of some 3,500 tonnes per year. This project involved responsibility for over 1,200 employees in accordance with nuclear standards.

Dekel Golan, CEO of Chaarat, comments:

“Benoît’s appointment is a significant step forward towards putting in place the management team capable of turning Chaarat into a successful, robust producer. Benoît is experienced in the region and has a proven track record in developing a large scale mine as demonstrated by his tenure in Kazakhstan where he led the team that built from scratch a large, successful and very profitable operation. It is a great vote of confidence in the Company that a person of his calibre is joining us.

“Today’s drilling results are an additional demonstration that Chaarat holds a major and growing resource. The Contact Zone is again proving its robust continuous characteristics. The results from drilling in the Tulkubash zone, albeit less predictable than the Contact and Main Zones, continue to add to our understanding of the project and provide confidence that the Tulkubash can be fast tracked into production. Today’s results are being incorporated into the revised resource estimate currently being calculated which the Company will announce shortly.

“These results provide us with further encouragement and confidence for the establishment of a large, low cost mining operation, in addition to the open pit Tulkubash project which we aim to bring into production in 2012.”

Drilling update

The drilling results included below are previously unreported mineralised intersections from the final holes of its 2010 drill campaign which ended in November 2010. The reported results are both from holes drilled in the Tulkubash Project as well as the Contact Zone of the Kiziltash project and are presented separately for ease of reference.

The intersections reported below, as well as the intersections reported previously, will be included in the revised resource estimate.

Kiziltash project: Detailed unannounced intersections

DH No.	Section		From	To	Intersected width	True width	Au g/t (ALS)
UG-20	4640		7.50	15.00	7.50	6.00	2.06
UG-20	4640		71.50	80.00	8.50	6.80	4.02
UG-20	4640		87.50	90.50	3.00	2.40	4.01
UG-21	4640		66.00	70.50	4.50	3.60	2.67
UG-21	4640		75.00	81.00	6.00	4.80	2.81
UG-21	4640		84.00	88.50	4.50	3.60	5.64
UG-21	4640		99.00	100.50	1.50	1.20	4.37
UG-21	4640		114.00	115.50	1.50	1.20	5.41

C4601	4720		66.50	71.00	4.50	2.00	2.28
C4601	4720		96.50	164.00	67.50	30.00	2.66
C4601	4720	Incl.	114.50	122.00	7.50	3.33	3.28
C4601	4720	Incl.	131.00	140.00	9.00	4.00	3.03
C4601	4720	Incl.	141.50	146.00	4.50	2.00	7.15
C4601	4720	Incl.	155.00	164.00	9.00	4.00	3.88
C4601	4720		329.50	338.50	9.00	4.00	2.54
C4601	4720		346.00	349.00	3.00	2.00	2.61
UG-14	4720		0.00	3.50	3.50	2.45	3.14
UG-14	4720		12.40	15.40	3.00	2.10	2.74
UG-14	4720		22.40	25.40	3.00	2.10	4.16
UG-14	4720		79.00	101.50	22.50	15.75	2.60
UG-14	4720	Incl	97.00	101.50	4.50	3.15	3.63
UG-14	4720		142.00	154.00	12.00	8.40	5.27
UG-18	4720		6.00	10.50	4.50	3.75	8.71
UG-18	4720		59.50	62.50	3.00	2.49	3.19
UG-18	4720		70.00	74.50	4.50	3.74	3.44
UG-22	4720		66.00	88.50	22.50	18.5	4.24
UG-22	4720		94.50	105.00	10.50	8.40	3.33
UG-22	4720	Incl	100.50	105.00	4.50	3.70	5.00
UG-15	4800		13.00	14.50	1.50	1.00	3.83
UG-15	4800		32.50	35.50	3.00	2.00	2.01
UG-15	4800		110.50	116.50	6.00	4.00	3.94
UG-15	4800		127.00	131.50	4.50	3.00	3.61
UG-19	4800		6.00	10.50	4.50	3.74	3.97
UG-19	4800		19.50	22.50	3.00	2.49	2.96
UG-19	4800		83.00	95.00	12.00	9.96	2.65
UG-19	4800	Incl	83.00	89.00	6.00	4.98	3.19
UG-19	4800		102.50	108.50	6.00	4.98	4.29
UG-19	4800		122.00	123.50	1.50	1.25	11.15
C46102	4840		107.00	159.50	52.50	25.50	2.13
C46102	4840	Incl	107.00	116.00	9.00	4.37	2.72
C46102	4840	Incl	126.50	131.00	4.50	4.37	4.33
C46102	4840	Incl	144.50	149.00	4.50	2.19	2.62
C46102	4840		165.50	168.50	3.00	1.46	2.38
C46102	4840		198.50	209.00	10.50	5.10	2.14
C46102	4840		210.50	213.50	3.00	1.46	2.08
Tr532_10	5320		22.00	25.50	3.50	2.31	2.03
Tr532_10	5320		43.00	46.00	3.00	2.00	2.87
UG-404	5360		92.5	110.5	18.00	14.94	2.09
UG-404	5360	Incl.	94	97	3.00	2.49	4.07
UG-404	5360	Incl.	109.00	110.50	1.50	1.25	4.18
UG-403	5400		109.00	110.50	1.50	1.25	6.63

UG-403	5400		124.00	128.50	4.50	3.74	2.79
UG-403	5400		136.00	139.00	3.00	2.49	6.58
UG-405	5400		103.00	115.00	12.00	9.96	3.39
UG-405	5400	Incl.	103.00	106.00	3.00	2.49	5.97
UG-405	5400	Incl.	110.50	113.50	3.00	2.49	4.05
UG-402	5440		121.00	125.50	4.50	3.05	2.15
UG-402	5440		133.00	137.50	4.50	3.05	2.94
UG-402	5440		161.50	166.00	4.50	3.05	2.58

Tulkubash Project: detailed results (True widths)

DH No.	Section		From	To	Intersected width	True width	Au g/t
T0719	600		16.50	22.50	6.00	4.80	2.25
T0719	600	Incl.	19.50	21.00	1.50	1.20	4.16
T0719	600		78.00	85.50	7.50	6.00	2.05
T07110	640		59.30	60.50	1.20	1.20	3.36
T0727	640		0.60	6.50	5.90	4.50	2.12
T0727	640		18.50	24.50	6.00	4.60	4.43
T0727	640		57.50	60.50	3.00	2.30	2.40
T0727	640		62.00	68.00	6.00	4.60	3.29
T07109	680		62.50	65.50	3.00	3.00	3.26
T0720	680		36.50	41.00	4.50	3.68	2.69
T0726	800		56.00	62.00	6.00	4.00	2.24
T0726	800		66.50	81.50	15.00	10.00	2.77
T0726	800	Incl.	77.00	81.50	4.50	3.00	4.69
T07112	880		37.00	40.00	3.00	2.25	5.51
T07112	880		79.00	82.00	3.00	2.25	4.46
T0703	920		39.00	43.50	4.50	4.00	3.17
UG704	940		17.65	22.00	4.35	3.75	2.98
UG704	940		27.00	30.00	3.00	2.65	3.90
UG704	940		34.50	37.50	3.00	2.65	2.23
UG704	940		40.50	45.00	4.50	3.80	2.18
UG705	940		21.00	25.50	4.50	3.85	3.11
UG705	940		33.00	40.50	7.50	6.38	2.80
UG705	940		101.00	104.30	3.30	2.81	3.62
UG701	960		22.50	27.50	5.00	4.00	2.00
UG703	960		25.50	33.00	7.50	6.00	2.00
UG703	960		55.50	63.00	7.50	6.00	4.83
UG709	960		2.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	2.55
UG709	960	Incl.	2.00	5.00	3.00	2.33	2.86
UG709	960	Incl.	8.00	11.00	3.00	2.33	3.74
UG702	980		3.00	7.50	4.50	3.60	3.85
UG702	980		22.50	27.00	4.50	3.60	2.07

UG706	980		9.00	10.50	1.50	1.15	5.65
UG707	980		3.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	5.13
UG708	980		12.45	19.00	6.55	5.02	3.47
UG708	980		83.00	84.50	1.50	1.20	8.31
T0722	NZ4		178.50	198.00	19.50	16.50	4.10
T0732	1540		143.50	146.50	3.00	3.00	3.88

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About Chaarat Gold

Chaarat Gold is an exploration and development company operating in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Company's main activity is the development of the Kiziltash and Tulkubash projects situated within the Middle Tien Shan Mountains of Kyrgyzstan which form part of the Tien Shan gold belt. The Company has thus far delineated a JORC compliant mineral resource of 4.009 Moz at a grade of 4.14 g/t gold across both deposits. The Company is currently in the process of compiling a Pre-Feasibility study on the Kiziltash project and a Definitive Feasibility Study on the Tulkubash project. Chaarat's objective is to become a low cost gold producer targeting production of over 200,000 ounces per annum by early 2014 from the Kiziltash project with first production from the smaller Tulkubash project in mid 2012.

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Competent Person

The Competent Person with overall responsibility for this press release, and who has reviewed the information contained herein, is Sunit Patel M.Sc (Geology), FGS, GSSA, who is an employee of Chaarat Gold. Mr. Patel is an exploration geologist with 22 years of experience in the resource industry who has sufficient experience

relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and was supervisor to the work subject of this release.

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