

DIA BRAS POURS THE FIRST SILVER DORÉ BAR FROM CUSI ROCK

Montréal, Québec, December 17, 2009 - **Dia Bras Exploration Inc. (TSX-V:DIB)** is pleased to announce that it has produced the first silver doré from the cyanide leaching circuits at its Malpaso mill. Construction of the leach circuits began in August, and the first leaching of mill tailings commenced during late November.

“This is an exciting step forward for us”, said Daniel Tellechea, President of Dia Bras. “With the leaching circuits operational, our recovery of silver will be increased significantly, based on our metallurgical testing and this pour.”

The first Bar ([see picture](#)), which is held by Daniel Tellechea, President. Philip Renaud, Chairman of Dia Bras is to his left, while Thomas Robyn, Director, is to his right.

The bar weighs 13.23 kg and contains 42.6% silver (about 172 ounces of silver), 32.4% lead, 6.0% copper, 1.7% zinc, and 17.3% other metals. The low gold content in the bar, 3.5 g/t, reflects the low gold content of the Cusi mineralization. These assays were prepared and analyzed at the Company’s lab at its Malpaso mill; check assays will be analyzed by ALS Chemex.

The metallurgical balance indicated by these results is as follows: recovery of silver by flotation method was 68.26%, and an additional 12.19% was recovery from the tailings, resulting in an overall silver recovery of 80.45%. Management is confident that as the leaching circuits are adjusted with further operation, silver recovery will improve, as this result is in the lower part of the range of the 80-85% recovery indicated by metallurgical testing. In addition, these adjustments should increase the silver content in the doré bars.

The company currently has two vats in operation, and an additional two vats will be added to the system. Construction of the new vats is scheduled to begin in early January and will be completed within a month. Additional vats will be added immediately after those are constructed, with the expectation that six vats will be operational by the end of March, 2010.

Each vat has a design capacity of 400 tonnes of tailings and has a one-week cycle for leaching, resulting in 1,600 tonnes per month capacity for each vat. With four vats operational, the system can process 6,400 tonnes of tailings per month. With six vats operational, one will be used as a reservoir, and five vats would process tailings, resulting in a monthly capacity of 8,000 tonnes per month.

About Dia Bras

Dia Bras is a Canadian exploration mining company focused on precious and base metals in the State of Chihuahua, in northern Mexico. The Company is committed to developing and adding value to its assets – the Bolivar copper-zinc project and the Cusi silver mining camp. The Company trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “DIB”.

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