



PRESS RELEASE

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2008 Exploration Begins. 50,000 Metre Drilling Program Now Underway at Inter-Citic's Dachang Gold Project.

May 20, 2008, Toronto, ON: Inter-Citic Minerals Inc. (TSX-ICI) ("Inter-Citic" or "the Company") President and CEO James Moore, is pleased to announce that the Company began drilling last week in its largest exploration program ever at its Dachang Gold Project in China.

The Company's 2008 diamond drill program totalling up to 50,000 metres (approximately 165,000 feet) has now begun at Inter-Citic's Dachang Project. Four diamond drills have now begun operation with additional drills added as required during the year. Last year's drill program at Dachang totalled 28,000 metres.

Approximately 25,000 metres of Inter-Citic's 50,000 metre drill program will focus on the existing Dachang Main Zone ("DMZ") area of the property, which was reported in a press release of April 10, 2008 to have an inferred mineral resource estimate of 23.6 million tonnes grading approximately 3.51 gpt Au (approximately 2.66 million oz Au contained).

The aim of the 2008 drill program on the DMZ is to increase a large percentage of this inventory to a measured and indicated level. This work will require proper wire frame modeling and engineering evaluation of the resource and will be the primary focus for the initial phase of work at Dachang.

Once the detail infill exploration drilling begins the Company intends to initiate work on a preliminary assessment (scoping study) in conjunction with industry consultants. Some of the detail infill drill program may be directed by these consultants to address engineering aspects of the project.

Exploration drilling will continue however with the remaining 25,000 meters of drilling to focus on the eastern extensions of the DMZ, internal areas of the DMZ open to expansion, Placer Valley and new geochem targets in that order of priority. The DMZ mineralization remains open at depth and to the east, and further testing of this structure will continue to focus on shallow potentially bulk-mineable mineralization.

The Company has been very successful in identifying mineralized zones for drilling through systematic soil and trench sampling. Inter-Citic will continue to drill targets identified through surface and trench samples throughout the year.

Exploration at Dachang is conducted with the assistance of the numerous professionals from QGSI, working in co-operation with Inter-Citic's technical team on site and supervised by Mr. Garth Pierce, Inter-Citic's Vice-President of Exploration and Mr. Michael W. Leahey, P.Geo., Senior Geologist and the Company's internal Qualified Person under the requirements of National Instrument 43-101. Maps and associated materials are available on the Company's website: www.inter-citic.com.

On Behalf of the Board:

“James J. Moore”
President & CEO

ABOUT INTER-CITIC:

Toronto-based Inter-Citic Minerals Inc. is an exploration and development company with properties in the People's Republic of China, including its 279 km² Dachang Gold Project, in Qinghai Province. Inter-Citic is listed on the TSX under the symbol ICI. Inter-Citic's website is www.inter-citic.com.

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