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Resumption of Gold Drilling at Deep South Project, Western Australia

(Hawthorn Resources Limited 80%; Alacer Gold Corp 20% - former Avoca Resources Limited)

Hawthorn Resources Limited ("HAW") advises that as a high capacity RC drilling rig has become available in the Deep South Project area for a short term contract, a programme designed to follow-up high grade gold shoots identified during December 2010.

These shoots have returned grades including:

- **5 metres @ 7.05 g/t Au (incl. 2 metres @ 12.61 g/t Au) - DSC049**
- **7 metres @ 3.06 g/t Au (incl. 2 metres @ 6.58 g/t Au) - DSC047**
- **8 metres @ 3.03 g/t Au (incl. 3 metres @ 5.95 g/t Au) - DSC028 and**
- **9 metres @ 3.15 g/t Au (incl. 2 metres @ 8.65 g/t Au) - DSC019**

and are geologically similar to those identified and mined in the adjacent Deep South Mine (owned by Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited).

The presence of numerous gold intercepts over substantial strike tends to indicate the presence of a significant gold mineralised system within the Deep South area.

The current programme, designed to infill drilling the high grade gold shoots, is due to be completed in early April.

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END ANNOUNCEMENT

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Ian Moody, who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full time consultant geologist with First Principle Mineral Exploration Company Pty Ltd. Mr Moody has sufficient experience as a geologist which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code of Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Moody consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears