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WGM Executives to present in Bahrain and China.

Toronto, Canada – September 22nd, 2009 – Executives of Watts, Griffis and McOuat Limited (“WGM”) will be presenting back to back seminar’s in this falls line-up of international mining conferences. On October 22nd, Mr. Joe Hinzer, WGM President, will be presenting a paper at the 6th annual China Mining Congress and Expo to be held in Tianjin, China. Titled “The ABC’s of CSR in Exploration and Mining”, Mr. Hinzer’s presentation will explore the principles behind corporate social responsibility (“CSR”) and the methodologies for integrating these principles into companies’ business plans.

“The days when exploration and mining companies could develop the mineral wealth of remote regions with minimal corporate governance are long gone,” comments Mr. Hinzer, adding, “It is no longer sufficient for companies - private or public - to simply obtain permits and commence exploration or mining activities. Local residents, nearby communities and other stakeholders including all levels of government and indigenous populations expect to be consulted, receive lasting benefits and be assured there are no inherent dangers.”

“Most major public companies, the most visible in the public eye, are doing a good job of CSR in most aspects of their work. Many mid size companies have also implemented fairly reasonable CSR programs. The biggest challenge is for the smaller companies, especially junior explorers and small private enterprises to implement such programs. The benefits of being accepted locally are far reaching. Creating a negative impression will be difficult and costly to overcome. It would be prudent for everyone, especially this latter group, to avail themselves of knowledgeable advisors to help them bring their operations in line with generally accepted CSR principles – which in the long run will be most beneficial to these companies.”

The following week, Mr. Al Workman, WGM Vice President, will be hosting a two-day workshop at the MENA Mining Congress 2009 on October 29th. Held in Manama, Bahrain, the workshop will illustrate the structure of exploration agreements, the management of technical risk, and the role of the Qualified Person (“QP”) as defined under securities law.

For more information on these seminars, please visit <http://www.wgm.ca> for details.

About WGM

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From grass-roots exploration through to mine closure, our expertise in project management, mineral resource and reserve estimates, technical reports, due diligence reviews, and property

valuations, has distinguished WGM as the most trusted name in exploration and mining since 1962.

Owned and operated by its professional employees, the company has a core group of employees and one of the industry's largest and most experienced group of high-calibre associates, which includes specialists in all areas of exploration and mining including; metallurgy, geomatics, financial analysis, GIS, CSR, First Nations services, industry safe-practice and mine closure planning.

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