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JULY GOLD PRODUCTION CONTINUES UPWARD TREND AT ETRUSCAN'S YOUGA MINE

Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 6, 2009 – Etruscan Resources Inc. (EET.TSX) reported today that its Youga Gold Mine located in Burkina Faso, West Africa produced 6,093 ounces of gold in July from 77,509 tonnes of ore compared to 5,127 ounces produced in June and 3,626 ounces produced in May. Etruscan is continuing to work towards achieving a minimum monthly production of 7,000 ounces and plant throughput of 80,000 tonnes.

Operations at Youga are under the direct supervision of Etruscan's newly appointed Chief Operating Officer, Stephen Stine, who has been based at site since early May. Mr. Stine's mandate is to optimize operations at Youga to achieve steady state production, and in this regard he is also overseeing the strengthening of the mine management team.

Stephen Stine, P.E., Chief Operating Officer of Etruscan, is the Qualified Person overseeing production at the Youga Gold Mine and has reviewed and approved this press release.

About Etruscan Resources Inc.

Etruscan Resources Inc. is a gold focused Canadian junior mining company with dominant land positions in district scale gold belts covering more than 10,000 square kilometers in West Africa. Its principal gold mine development projects include the **Youga Gold Project in Burkina Faso**, the **Agbaou Gold Project in Côte d'Ivoire**, and the **Finkolo Gold Project in Mali**. Advanced and early stage exploration projects are on-going in Burkina Faso, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire; Ghana and Namibia. Etruscan also has a 47.4% interest in Etruscan Diamonds Limited which has a dominant land position in the Ventersdorp Diamond District located in South Africa where it is developing the **Blue Gum Diamond Project**. The common shares of Etruscan are traded on The TSX Exchange under the symbol "EET". More extensive information on Etruscan can be found on its home page at <http://www.etruscan.com>

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