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## ETRUSCAN ANNOUNCES REPRICING OF WARRANTS

**Halifax, Nova Scotia, January 6, 2009** – **Etruscan Resources Inc. (EET.TSX)** announced today the repricing of 1,452,222 unlisted common share purchase warrants of the Company (“Financier Warrants”) held equally by RMB Australia Holdings Ltd. (“RMB”) and Macquarie Bank Limited (“Macquarie”). The Financier Warrants were issued in January, 2008 in conjunction with a US\$7.5 million subordinated debt facility provided by RMB and Macquarie to help fund the development costs of Etruscan’s Youga Gold Project in Burkina Faso, West Africa. RMB and Macquarie also provided the Youga senior debt facility in the amount of US\$35million. Each Financier Warrant was originally exercisable to acquire a common share of the Company at a price of \$2.5606 at any time on or before November 30, 2012. On September 30, 2008, the Company agreed to amend the terms of the Financier Warrants to reduce the exercise price to \$0.78 per common share as consideration for RMB and Macquarie agreeing to amend the debt repayment schedules on the Youga senior and subordinated debt facilities to match the updated life of mine production schedule. The Company has agreed to further amend the terms of the Financier Warrants to reduce the exercise price to \$0.4921 per common share as consideration for RMB and Macquarie agreeing to allow the Company to fund the December 31, 2008 principal repayment of US\$2,500,000 on the Youga senior debt facility from the reserve fund set aside pursuant to the terms of the facility agreement. RMB and Macquarie deal at arm’s length to Etruscan. The repricing of the warrants has been approved by the Toronto Stock Exchange and will be effective the tenth business day following the date of this 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 13,000 square kilometers in West Africa. Its principal mine development projects include the **Youga Gold Project in Burkina Faso** (latest press release dated December 4, 2008), the **Agbaou Gold Project in Côte d’Ivoire** (latest press release dated December 18, 2008), and the **Finkolo Gold Project in Mali** (latest press release dated July 2, 2008). Advanced and early stage exploration projects are on-going in Burkina Faso, Mali, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana (see press release dated June 10, 2008) and Namibia (see press release dated October 24, 2008). See press release dated May 6, 2008 for a comprehensive update of explorations projects. Etruscan also has a 52.1% interest in Etruscan Diamonds Limited which has a dominant land position in the Ventersdorp Diamond District located in South Africa (latest press release dated December 12, 2008). 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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risks, and other risks and uncertainties described in the Company's annual information form filed with the Canadian Securities regulators on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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