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Private Placement and Project Progress Report

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – Metalline is pleased to announce that it has completed \$3,709,375 of a proposed \$4,500,000 private placement. This is an important milestone for the development of the Company and the Sierra Mojada Project. This will allow Metalline to complete the purchase of the Unification Mineros Nortenos concession; the final payment of \$3,270,000 is due August 30, 2000. The balance of the placement will be used to complete the purchase of the remaining concessions, corporate overhead and for continued exploration and development of the Sierra Mojada Project. Two more concessions remain to be purchased during 2000 and 2001, a total of \$156,923, to complete the ownership of all of our concessions at Sierra Mojada.

As previously announced in Metalline's news release dated June 15, 2000 channel sampling and drilling on the oxide zinc systems at Sierra Mojada contain a combined tonnage of 18.4 million tonnes, 11.1 million tonnes with an average grade of 12.13% zinc for the red zinc zone and 7.3 million tonnes with an average grade of 20.52% for the white zinc zone. North Limited is completing the final holes of a 26-hole program on the oxide zinc systems at Sierra Mojada. The results of this program will be announced after the remaining analytical data has been received, compiled and analyzed. The underground channel sampling program has been continued during the drilling and will also be updated as soon as pending results are obtained.

Rio Tinto Ltd., the world's second largest mining company, has made an unconditional Offer for North Limited of A\$4.75 per share. This offer bests the competing offer of Anglo American Plc. of A\$4.20 per share. At this time Anglo has not responded with a counter offer. The offers are targeted at North Limited's iron ore holdings in Australia and Canada.