



STACCATO'S BOARD AND MANAGEMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED TO ENHANCE SHAREHOLDER VALUE

Toronto, February 4, 2010 – Augen Capital Corp. (“Augen” or the “Concerned Shareholder”) (TSXV: AUG) an owner of approximately 6.4 million shares or 6.4% of Staccato Gold Resources Ltd. (“Staccato” or the “Company”) (TSXV: CAT) today acknowledged the decision of the Company’s current Board of Directors (the “Current Board”) and management to commence a formal review of its strategic options in order to enhance shareholder value.

The Concerned Shareholder is calling for much-needed change to the direction of Staccato as it believes the Current Board and management have overseen significant destruction of shareholder value and have undermined market confidence in the Company through poorly conducted exploration programs, a lack of progress in advancing its principal project, including the failure to progress expeditiously in dealing with the technical issues concerning the resource estimate, and a lack of direction and conviction in reviewing and advancing other attractive opportunities including asset or corporate acquisitions.

“It is clear that the Current Board and management recognize their failed track record in shareholder value creation,” said Peter Chodos, the COO of OreReserve Asset Management, Augen’s Manager. “We are very disappointed that Staccato’s management has failed to engage in any exercise to create shareholder value prior to Augen’s requisition to replace the Current Board. How can we trust the Current Board and management to act in the shareholder’s best interests and make good business decisions when their track record says they cannot?”

Haywood Securities Inc. Engaged by Augen

The Concerned Shareholder has engaged Haywood Securities Inc. (“Haywood”) to work with Augen to execute on a business plan for Staccato that will create substantive value for all Staccato shareholders. Haywood, based in Vancouver, Canada, is one of Canada’s largest independent broker-dealers, with a significant retail and institutional presence. Haywood’s investment bankers provide leading merger and acquisition (“M&A”) and financing advisory services for mining companies, and are a leader in M&A and financial advisory services for junior mining companies. Over the last year, Haywood has been involved with over 20 pending and/or successful M&A and financial advisory assignments, resulting in enhanced shareholder value for Haywood’s clients. Included in enhancing shareholder value, is advising management teams and boards of directors, with the aim of building successful mining companies. Haywood supports Augen’s requisition for a meeting of the Staccato shareholders to elect a new Board of Directors. Haywood’s M&A and financial advisory deal flow will also greatly aid Augen’s, already strong, team.

In September 2009, Haywood approached Grant Ewing, President and CEO of Staccato, to open up a dialogue with Staccato on an attractive M&A idea, with the aim of enhancing shareholder value. Haywood was told by management at that time that the Company was solely

focused on the development on its Lookout Mountain Project, and had no interest in exploring any M&A alternatives. As a result of the Concerned Shareholders requisition, Staccato has reversed course.

Shareholder Meeting Requisition

On January 25, 2010, the Concerned Shareholder delivered a requisition to the Current Board to call a meeting of the shareholders of Staccato for the purpose of removing and replacing the Current Board with nominees to be proposed by the Concerned Shareholder. Staccato confirmed it received the requisition on January 25, 2010. The Current Board has until February 15, 2010 to respond.

Note

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About Augen

Augen Capital Corp. is a Toronto-based public merchant bank specializing in the financing of and investment in emerging resource companies. Augen manages a merchant banking portfolio of emerging resource stocks.

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