



For Immediate Release

December 20, 2004
TSX Venture: "AUG"
Recent Price: \$0.13

Shares outstanding: 25,294,425

Augen LP Largest Since Inception

(Toronto, Ontario) Augen Capital Corp. ("Augen Capital") (TSX: AUG) and the Augen Limited Partnership 2004-1 are pleased to announce the closing of the third and fourth tranche of the Augen Limited Partnership 2004-1, and the final closing of the Prospectus and Offering Memorandum issue.

There were 22,388 units sold in the third close on December 15, 2004 for gross proceeds of \$2,238,800. An additional 4,000 units were sold on the final close on December 17, 2004 for gross proceeds of \$400,000.

The Augen LP 2004-1 has issued a total of 82,778 units for gross proceeds on \$8,277,800 which is an increase of 13% over Augen LP 2003 and the largest raise since inception of Augen Capital.

Augen Capital, as manager of the fund, intends to invest the funds raised in flow-through shares primarily in Canada's burgeoning emerging mining sector thus providing certain tax deductions for limited partners. The Augen Limited Partnership 2004-1 public offering was led by IPC Securities Corporation, and included Berkshire Securities Inc., Foster & Associates Financial Services Inc., and Wellington West Capital Inc. in the banking group.

About Augen Capital

Based in Toronto, Augen Capital is a merchant bank specializing in the financing of, and investment in, early stage resource companies and is an industry leader in tax-advantaged flow-through investments in Canada's resource sectors. Managed by mining and financial services experts, the Company's resource portfolios are comprised of junior mining companies consisting of proven management and good resource projects. Over a six-year period Augen Capital's resource portfolios have outperformed the majority of competitive mining funds as well as the TSX precious metals index. The Company now has over \$20 million in assets under management, including a core portfolio of emerging resource stocks, two resource flow-through Limited Partnerships, and its mutual fund, Augen Resource 2 Balance Fund. Through a distribution force of national MFDA and IDA firms, the Company offers high-income and high net worth individuals resource flow-through tax sheltering, together with exposure to mineral, oil and gas exploration companies that are selected to potentially outperform the market.

'On behalf of the Board of Directors'

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