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El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. Reports on Exploration Drilling Permit Progress

Reno, Nevada - El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. (OTC/BB:ECPN) reports that it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Forest Service (USFS) related to the permitting of 112 exploration drill holes planned on 2,000 acres of the El Capitan claims in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The action signals the initiation of the Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) permitting process. Based upon recent USFS EA completion timelines, the Company anticipates receipt of permits in the 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2009.

Kenneth P. Pavlich, President & CEO, commented, "We look forward to the chance to begin exploration on these exciting geological prospects. In the interim, we will use this time to advance our metallurgical knowledge of the current deposit prior to obtaining further samples for analysis."

About El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc.

El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. is a U.S. based mineral exploration company whose primary asset is a 40% interest in the El Capitan precious metals project, located in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The Company's stock trades on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol ECPN.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements herein which are not historical facts, such as estimates of the volume and grade of mineral deposits, future production levels, exploration results and plans, costs, and prices are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, anticipated, expected or implied. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, metals price and production volatility, exploration risks and results, discrepancies between different types of testing methods, some or all of which may not be industry standard, political risks, permitting risks, project development risks and ability to raise financing. For a more detailed discussion of risks and other factors that may impact these forward looking statements please refer to the Risk Factors and other discussion contained in the Company's quarterly and annual periodic reports on Forms 10-QSB and 10-KSB on file with the SEC. The Company undertakes no obligation and has no intention of updating forward-looking statements.

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