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NEWS RELEASE

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Holbrook Basin Potash Project

Passport Metals Inc. (PPI – TSX.V) wishes to inform its shareholders that it is ready to commence drilling on its Holbrook Basin Potash Project as soon as drill permits are issued and received. The mineral exploration permits granted in October 2008 (NR dated February 12, 2008) permit access to Passport's properties and constitute a major step toward obtaining drill permits. Passport has since complied with all requests made in the process of obtaining drill permits.

Passport's drill program is based on recommendations made in the Technical Report dated January 29, 2008 which has been filed on SEDAR under Passport's profile. Five drill sites are in the permitting process, with three sites located to twin Arkla Exploration Company 1965 drill holes. The drill holes will be a combination of reverse circulation / diamond drilling. The entire potash horizon will be cored utilizing a Boart Longyear drilling rig. This horizon will then be surveyed with downhole geophysical tools recording gamma ray and density measurements, the industry standard for potash exploration. The Phase One drilling and analytical program should be completed six to eight weeks after it has begun.

Passport has sufficient funds in its treasury to meet the costs of its Holbrook drill program.

R. Tim Henneberry, P. Geo., a Director of Passport, is the Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument, who has reviewed and approved the technical content of this news release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

PASSPORT METALS INC.

Laara Shaffer, Director

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