

# **PASSPORT METALS INC.**

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## **News Release**

**Vancouver, B.C. July 2, 2009.** Passport Metals Inc. is pleased to announce that the Phase One drilling program on their Holbrook Basin Potash Project commenced June 25<sup>th</sup> and the first hole drilled in this program; PP DDH 01-09 has now been completed. This is the first exploration drill hole to be drilled in the Holbrook Salt Basin since the 1960s. Passport Metals is the first and only exploration company in the Holbrook Basin currently issued a drilling permit. The permit allows for a total of up to 5 holes. The current program will consist of three holes, with a two hole follow up program planned later in the year.

The intent of the Phase One Exploration Drilling Program is to twin previous holes drilled in the 1960s to correlate the historic well data with a modern coring and down hole geophysical program. This will verify the historical data and allow Passport to combine the historical data with the data from the 2009 programs to define a NI43-101 potash mineral resource for Passport's Holbrook Basin holdings.

PP DDH 01-09 was rotary drilled to a depth of 880 feet (268.2 metres) and cored from that point through the complete potash horizons to a final depth of 1000 feet (304.8 metres). Initial geophysical down hole testing by electrical gamma rays (an industry standard) indicated the presence of potash in PP DDH 01-09. The entire core horizon has been sealed in plastic to prevent desiccation and shipped to ALS Chemex Laboratory in Reno, Nevada. The ALS Chemex analyses and testing will determine the mineralization, type of potash horizons, widths and grades and most importantly the solubility of the deposit for solution mine testing. Results from the tests performed by ALS Chemex will be released upon receipt.

Drilling on the second hole of this program commenced on June 30<sup>th</sup> and it is anticipated that this hole will be drilled and cored to 1060 feet (323.1 metres).

The final hole of the Phase One drill program is scheduled to commence on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

R. Tim Henneberry, P.Geo., a Director of Passport, is the Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101, who has reviewed and approved the technical content of this news release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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Laara Shaffer, Director

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