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PASSPORT METALS INC.

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News Release

MEETING WITH ARIZONA STATE LAND DEPARTMENT

Vancouver, B.C. March 24, 2009. Passport Metals Inc. ("Passport") wishes to inform its shareholders that it will be meeting on Thursday March 26th, with the Arizona State Land Department Commissioner and his staff in an effort to obtain drill permits for the Holbrook basin potash project. Passport will be represented by the following:

- Dr. Richard Hunter, President;
- Mr. Terrence Smithson, Bsc, Eng (mining), Geol;
- Mr. Josh Bleak, Representative of Southwest Minerals Exploration Inc.;
- Mr. James W. Tibbetts, Permitting Consultant
- A representative of Boart Longyear.

Once the drill permits have been obtained Passport plans to follow the recommendations made in the technical report dated Jan. 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 using 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.

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

PASSPORT METALS INC.

Laara Shaffer, Director

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