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**PASSPORT POTASH INC.**  
(TSX.V - PPI)

### News Release

*Vancouver, B.C. December 8, 2009.* Passport Potash Inc. (PPI : TSX.V) has reached agreement with Twin Butte Ranch LLC on the terms of a Mining Lease to allow Passport to commence exploration on the Twin Butte Ranch property. One of the terms of the lease/option to purchase agreement announced October 14, 2009 was to reach agreement on terms for access and reclamation for the drilling program through a Mining Lease. Under the now concluded Mining Lease all sites will be reclaimed to the standard required by the Arizona Land Commission for State Exploration Permits. The initial US\$50,000 option payment under the lease option to purchase agreement has now been made.

Passport is currently applying to the Arizona Oil and Gas Commission for permits to drill an initial 10 holes on the Twin Butte property. Since the Twin Butte Ranch is private land, the permitting process is considerably expedited. Passport anticipates receipt of the permits within 30 days. Passport plans to commence drilling upon closing of its current financing and receipt of the drilling permits.

Passport is exploring the Holbrook Basin of east central Arizona for potash, with 13,350 hectares of prospective land now under option or lease. Steven L. Rauzi of the Arizona Geological Survey reviewed the data and published an Open File Report in 2008 which showed the potash horizons ranged from 5 to in excess of 30 feet throughout the Basin. He further estimated a geologic target for the entire 155,000 hectares of the Holbrook Basin underlain by potash to be 682 million tonnes at 6% K<sub>2</sub>O to 2.58 billion tonnes at 20% K<sub>2</sub>O.

Based on Rauzi's geological target estimate of the entire Holbrook Basin, the 13,350 hectares now under option or lease to Passport could host 8.61% of the total geological target of the 155,000 hectares or 58.7 million tonnes at 6% K<sub>2</sub>O to 222.2 million tonnes at 20% K<sub>2</sub>O.

**There are no current 43-101 mineral reserves or mineral resources on the Passport Metals Inc. Holbrook Basin Potash Project holdings. The reader is cautioned that the potential quantity and grade indicated above is conceptual in nature. It has been provided only for illustration purposes. At this time, there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the discovery of these mineral resources.**

The Company announces that further to its news release of November 6, 2009 it has amended its private placement to issue 9,375,000 units at a reduced priced of \$0.08 per unit (from \$0.10) for gross proceeds of up to \$750,000. Each unit will consist of one common share and one full warrant exercisable for a period of two years. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at an amended price of \$0.12 per share (reduced from \$0.15) if exercised in the first year or at a price of \$0.20 per share if exercised in the second year. Proceeds will be used for drilling on Twin Butte Ranch property.

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 POTASH INC.**

Laara Shaffer, Director

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