

Orbit Garant Drilling Awarded Contract by Xstrata

Val-d'Or, Quebec, August 19, 2009 -- Orbit Garant Drilling Inc. (TSX: OGD) today announced that it has entered into a contract with Xstrata Canada Corporation – Xstrata Zinc Canada Division (“Xstrata”) to provide surface drilling services at Xstrata’s Bracemac-McLeod project in Matagami, Quebec.

Under terms of the contract, Orbit Garant will utilize 3 drill rigs to complete a minimum of 22,000 metres of drilling at the Bracemac-McLeod Project. Xstrata may extend the contract to 45,000 metres, depending on drill results and future budget allocations.

“We have been working alongside Xstrata (formely Noranda Inc/Flaconbridge Ltd) for over 10 years and are delighted to be entering into this new contract,” said Eric Alexandre, President and Chief Operating Officer of Orbit Garant. “This contract underlines our focus on building long-term relationships with major mining companies. It also reflects our strong and growing position in surface drilling and our leading market share in the Abitibi region, key elements of our business strategy.”

About Orbit Garant

Orbit Garant is one of the largest Canadian-based drilling companies, providing both underground and surface drilling services in Canada and internationally through its 135 drills and more than 500 employees. Orbit Garant provides services to major, intermediate and junior mining companies, through each stage of mining exploration, development and production.

Forward-looking information

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