



# Metals Economics Group to present at CIM Management and Finance Day

## Implications of trends in base metals and gold financing, and acquisitions activity

Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 6, 2010 – Metals Economics Group (MEG) is pleased to announce its participation in next week’s Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Management and Finance Day. MEG’s CEO, Michael Chender, will present “Implications of trends in base metals and gold financing, and acquisitions activity” to an audience of mining buyers, planners, engineers, researchers, technical experts, managers, and directors from across Canada and the world. The session takes place on May 12, 2010 at 2:00pm Pacific, in the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.

Highlights of Mr. Chender’s presentation include:

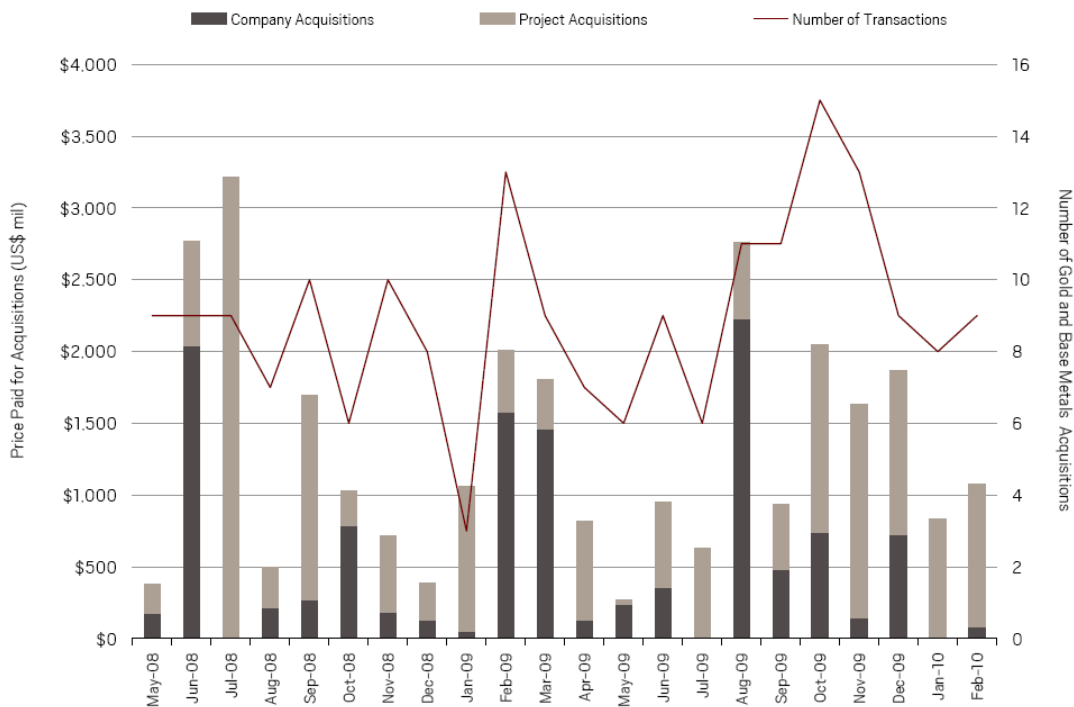
- Recent financing trends and likely developments in the near future
- How these trends are affecting exploration activity and the current supply pipeline
- Taken together, what these trends tell us about the industry growth picture for the next several years

“It is our pleasure to have MEG involved in this year’s event,” says Jean Vavrek, CIM Executive Director. “MEG provides a uniquely comprehensive view of the global mining landscape, helping provide a foundation on which to develop plans, and make decisions related to the technological, environmental and social issues facing our industry today.”

The industry is awash with information. “Determining what’s relevant, and then analyzing it can be quite time consuming,” states Chender. “In developing effective strategies, mining professionals need up-to-date macro and micro views of the mine-supply pipeline, and trends in financing and acquisitions.”

Chender’s presentation will incorporate information from the recently launched *MEG Industry Monitor*—a visual overview of key emerging developments in the precious and base metals pipeline focused on exploration, project development, financings, and acquisitions.

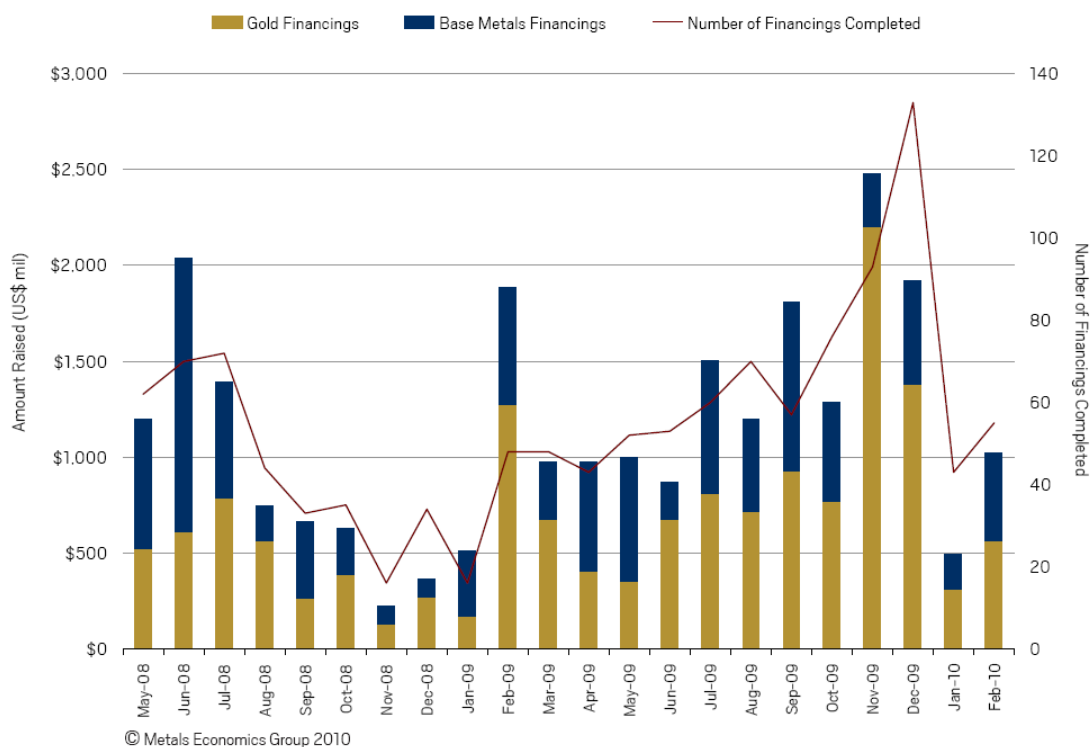
### Acquisitions Announcements



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(Source-MEG Industry Monitor)

## Significant Junior and Intermediate Financings Completed



(Source-MEG Industry Monitor)

The deluge of information now available and the speed of change underline the need for new ways to perform effective, up-to-date analysis. This year, MEG is launching a series of new services and existing service upgrades providing clients with powerful new analytic capability. In addition to the *MEG Industry Monitor*, MEG is publishing the *Strategies for Nickel Reserves Replacement* study—a detailed and practical look at how major companies are replacing their nickel reserves, and the cost per pound to replace nickel reserves. MEG will also deliver a new version of its industry-leading project database, *MineSearch*, including precious and base metals, diamonds, uranium, iron ore, and new in 2010, rare earths, potash, and phosphates, as well as full integration with MEG's upgraded *CompanySearch* database.

For more information on MEG services visit [www.metalseconomics.com](http://www.metalseconomics.com).

### About Metals Economics Group ([www.metalseconomics.com](http://www.metalseconomics.com))

Metals Economics Group (MEG) provides information and analysis on the global mining industry focused on addressing both strategic and tactical business needs. Clients benefit from a painstaking commitment to accuracy, many years of experience, excellent relationships with other industry experts, an unbiased approach to reporting and analyzing the latest trends and issues, and a responsive, personal approach to customer care. Through analysis, information services, and consulting, MEG continuously builds on its foundation as the primary source of intelligence on global minerals exploration, development, and production; strategic planning issues; and acquisitions activity.

### About CIM Conference and Exhibition 2010 ([www.cim.org/vancouver2010](http://www.cim.org/vancouver2010))

The theme of the CIM Conference and Exhibition 2010, Mining — Your Foundation for a Better World, reflects the key role that mining plays in the social and technical development of communities and societies worldwide. Building on the theme, the technical program will focus on the leading technological, environmental and social issues facing our industry today. A special emphasis on Latin America has been incorporated into this year's program, reflecting the rapid growth of mining in that region and its strong mining-industry ties with North America.

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