



Metals Economics Group to participate in MINEX '08

Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 20, 2008 – Metals Economics Group (MEG) is pleased to be participating in the 4th annual “Mining and Exploration Business Forum MINEX 2008” in Moscow, Russia, October 1-3, 2008. MEG’s involvement will include participation in the economic plenary session and distribution of a special report on world exploration trends.

David Cox, MEG VP, Sales, will join a plenary discussion focused on the global outlook for precious metals prices; the impact of high base metals prices on global output and demand; trends in Russian gold mine production; WTO accession and the potential effects on Russia’s mining industry; and how innovation can increase economic performance of the Russian mining industry.

A “Special Report on World Exploration Trends” will be available for MINEX attendees in Russian. The report is drawn from MEG’s annual study of nonferrous exploration activity, Corporate Exploration Strategies (CES). CES is the industry’s benchmark for exploration trends and strategic analysis, and the only comprehensive source of global mining exploration budgets. Published annually, CES examines the exploration activities of mining companies worldwide.

The 19th edition of Corporate Exploration Strategies will be available in October 2008 as an annual online subscription through individual site licenses or a gateway license (access for all staff worldwide). Print copies of the study are also available. For more information on the CES study or other MEG services phone +1-902-429-2880 or email sales@metalseconomics.com.

About Metals Economics Group (www.metalseconomics.com)

MEG provides an information advantage based on over a quarter-century commitment to thorough coverage of the global mining industry. Clients benefit from our painstaking commitment to accuracy, many years of experience in database development, excellent relationships with mining personnel, and an unbiased approach to reporting and analyzing the latest trends. Our clients enjoy our responsive, personal approach to customer care, and unparalleled access to comparative data on projects, companies, and markets, and to unique research capabilities for client-specific needs that set us apart from the competition. **~Your partner for strategic mining information and analysis since 1981.**

About Mining and Exploration Business Forum MINEX 2008 (www.minexforum.com)

MINEX Forum was established in 2005 with the aim of assisting Russia to compete in the global mining and exploration industry through international professional networking, consultations, technical and investment dialogue. MINEX features a two-day conference with the main plenary sessions and technical sessions running simultaneously, one-day post-forum master classes designed to address practical management issues faced by Russian mining and exploration companies, a two-day exhibition, networking sessions, private meetings, company presentations held at the Business Podium sessions, and Russian Mining Excellence Award Dinner. The Forum is designed to be the communication centerpiece for mining, investment and supply companies, and governments and industry associations in Russia and the CIS region.

-30-

Contact:

Nadine Tanner, Director, Marketing
Metals Economics Group
Suite 300, 1718 Argyle St., Halifax
Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 3N6

T: 902.429.2880
F: 902.429.6593
ntanner@metalseconomics.com