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KEEGAN EXPANDS THE ESAASE GOLD CONCESSION WITH ADDITIONAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Vancouver, British Columbia; December 14, 2009 - Keegan Resources Inc. (the "Keegan" or the "Corporation") is pleased to announce that its fully owned subsidiary, Keegan Resources (Ghana) Ltd, has acquired the 10 sq. km Mpatuom Concession, which lies along the north west boundary of its Esaase Concession. (please refer to location map at www.keeganresources.com) The concession was granted to Keegan by the Ghanaian Minerals Commission and the permit duly signed by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honorable Alhaji Collins Dauda. Along with the Esaase Concession (29 sq. km.), Jeni Concession (46 sq. km.), and the Mepom concession (2.6 sq. km), which was added last fall, the Mpatuom acquisition brings Keegan's land position at Esaase to almost 100 sq. km. The acquisition also adds an additional 300 meters of strike length along the main geophysical break that is the defining mineralized fault structure of the Esaase Resource. Keegan's current exploration program has been expanding mineralization towards the Mpatuom Concession along this structure with significant results (see news releases dated October 6th and 15th).

Keegan recently completed a syndicated bought deal financing co-lead by Dundee Securities and Clarus Securities and including Canaccord Securities which will enable the company to expedite the advancement of the Esaase project in 2010. A second drill rig has been mobilized to Esaase to accelerate the current exploration and development programs.

President and CEO Dan McCoy stated: "The Mpatuom acquisition allows us to continue to follow the key mineralized structure to the north and increase the known strike length of a significant mineralized structure where we have achieved excellent success in 2009. The closing of our recent financing, Keegan now is well funded to aggressively continue making the excellent progress on both the development, and exploration fronts. Keegan is preparing for a eventful 2010."

About Keegan Resources Keegan is a junior gold company offering investors the opportunity to share ownership in the rapid exploration and development of high quality pure gold assets. The Company is focused on its wholly owned flagship Esaase project (2.025 Moz indicated resources with an average grade of 1.5 g/t Au at a 0.6 g/t Au cutoff and 1.451 million ounces in an inferred category at an average grade of 1.6 g/t Au applying a 0.6 g/t Au cut-off for a total inferred and indicated resource of 3.476 Moz) as well as its Asumura gold project, both of which are located in Ghana, West Africa, a highly favorable and prospective jurisdiction. Managed by highly skilled and successful

technical and financial professionals, Keegan is well financed with no debt. Keegan is also strongly committed to the highest standards for environmental management, social responsibility, and health and safety for its employees and neighboring communities. Keegan trades on the TSX and the NYSE AMEX under the symbol KGN. More information about Keegan is available at www.keeganresources.com.

On Behalf of the Board

Dan McCoy, Ph.D.
 President & CEO

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