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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**KEEGAN ADDS EXPERIENCED MINE BUILDERS AND MINE FINANCIER  
TO THE BOARD**

**Vancouver, BC, October 9, 2009** - Keegan Resources Inc. ("Keegan") is pleased to announce that Keith Minty, P.Eng, Maurice Tagami P.Eng and Marcel de Groot C.A were all appointed to the companys' board of directors at the recent AGM held in Vancouver.

Mr. Minty and Mr. Tagami bring depth on the development and operations side of the mining business and reflect the advanced stage of the companys' primary asset the Esaase gold project, located in southwest Ghana. Mr. Minty will serve as an independent director and as the chairman of the companys' technical review committee. As previously announced Mr. Tagami will spearhead the company's ongoing economic and engineering studies currently underway at Esaase.

Mr. Minty brings extensive Canadian and international experience in project financing, mine operations, supervision and engineering at open pit and underground operations in precious, base and platinum group metals and has been the recipient of the following awards "Mining Man of the Year" Award — for outstanding achievement in the Canadian Mining Industry — The Northern Miner- 2000. "Developer of the Year" Award — for outstanding achievement in North Western Ontario - NWOPA - 2000. Mr. Minty is the Chief Operating Officer of Thani Dubai Mining Limited, a privately owned Dubai, U.A.E. based precious metals exploration company actively conducting metal resource developments in the Middle East and Africa.

Marcel de Groot, C.A also joins the board as an independent director. Mr. de Groot is a founder and President of Pathway Capital Ltd., a Vancouver based private venture capital corporation which invests in and provides strategic support to early stage private and public companies. Mr. de Groot is a graduate from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and articulated with Grant Thornton LLP where he obtained his Chartered Accountant designation.

Keegan would also like to announce the resignation of, and would like to thank Mark Orsmond, C.A., for his important contribution as a director in the growth of Keegan. Mr. Orsmond has accepted a position as a consultant to the company.

President and CEO Dan McCoy states: "We are very pleased with depth of experience and talent that our primary asset the Esaase Gold Project has been able to attract to our

board. The additions of Messr. Minty, Tagami and de Groot provide considerable development and operation expertise to a strong board to execute the development and enhance the value of our assets. As a result of our continued exploration successes in conjunction with a highly motivated and experienced technical team we look forward to achieve on all our objectives in the coming months. . I look forward to working with our new board members to further the advancement of the company.”

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](http://www.keeganresources.com).

On Behalf of the Board

Dan McCoy, Ph.D.

President & CEO

For more information please visit the company website at [www.keeganresources.com](http://www.keeganresources.com) or contact investor relations at 604-683-8193 or [info@keeganresources.com](mailto:info@keeganresources.com).

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