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Scorpio Provides Update Following Mexican Government Directive

Vancouver, May 4, 2009 – Scorpio Mining Corporation (TSX: SPM) reports it has suspended operations at its Nuestra Señora mine, Sinaloa State, Mexico, and plans to restart on May 6, 2009. The temporary suspension is in support of the Mexican presidential decree aimed to prevent the spread of the H1N1, or swine flu virus.

Peter J. Hawley, Chairman, CEO reports, “Under our current operating plan, the mine and mill runs at the rate of 17 days per month, which means that we expect that this temporary shut-down will not impact the Company's production forecast”.

The Company reports that its Mexico operations are "relatively isolated" and that it has no outbreaks of the flu at its location.

Further information on the Nuestra Señora project is available on the Company's web site at: www.scorpionmining.com.

President, Mr. D. Roger Scammell, P.Geo., is the Company's Qualified Person for the Nuestra Señora project and has reviewed the content of this release.

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