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## NEWS RELEASE

### **VENTANA ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF MINERALOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION AND PREDICTIVE METALLURGY REPORT FOR LA MASCOTA SAMPLES**

**Vancouver, B.C., June 15, 2009 – Ventana Gold Corp. (TSX: VEN)** (“Ventana” or “the Company”) has received a mineralogical report from consulting mineralogist Giovanni Di Prisco, PhD, P.Geol of Terra Mineralogical Services of Peterborough, Ontario, an independent mineral analysis consultancy, detailing the mineralogical characterization and predictive metallurgy evaluation of a sampling of the gold mineralization within the La Mascota zone of the La Bodega project in northeastern Colombia. The report concludes that gold mineralization in the sampling is fine grained and inter-grown with pyrite and copper sulphide minerals and occurs, for the most part, at the mineral grain boundaries.

Ventana commissioned the report to help plan and develop the metallurgical testing program for the project. The mineralogical evaluation was conducted on 29 samples taken from core in six drill holes in the La Mascota zone. The report recommends that the metallurgical test work evaluate the merits of developing a process flow sheet comprising gravity separation followed by flotation of the copper sulphide minerals to produce a copper concentrate, followed by cyanidation of the flotation tails. Based on this flow sheet and the mineralogy of the material tested, the report concludes that, although challenging, La Mascota ore could be processed by standard metallurgical methods with achievable gold recoveries that are expected to range from 87% to 92%. The gold recovery process discussed in the report has been successfully implemented at other gold mines including the El Valle gold mine in Spain that was operated by Rio Narcea Gold Mines and the Bulyanhulu gold mine in Tanzania that is currently operated by Barrick Gold Corporation.

The metallurgical testing program will commence within the next month and will be managed by Mike Ounpuu and Nelson King, independent consulting metallurgists, who have extensive experience with the proposed processing methodology including metallurgical test work and process plants at both El Valle and Bulyanhulu gold mines.

In addition, Ventana is pleased to announce that MTB Project Management Professionals, Inc., an external technical consultant, has started the initial engineering programs on the project that will form the foundation of future technical studies including the Preliminary Economic Assessment. The engineering programs include the metallurgical testing program, mine engineering and related geotechnical studies and infrastructure location study.

The conclusions reached in the report with respect to anticipated recoveries of gold from the company's La Mascota zone are based on a number of assumptions and estimates that while considered reasonable by the report's author, are inherently subject to significant technical uncertainties. Many factors, both known and unknown, could cause actual results that vary significantly from those that are or may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements contained in this news release. In particular, the recovery estimates set out in the report are based on the examination of a limited amount of drill core samples, and although these observations are valid to predict the metallurgical behaviour of mineralized material from specific drill hole locations, caution should be used to extrapolate from this limited data set the metallurgical behaviour of the entire La Mascota gold deposit.

#### ***Review by Qualified Person, Quality Control and Reports***

Giovanni Di Prisco, PhD, P.Geol and Principal of Terra Mineralogical Services, is a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101 for the mineralogical characterization and predictive metallurgy contents of this release and has reviewed and approved them.

**About Ventana**

Ventana is a Vancouver-based mineral exploration and development company with rights to 4,573 hectares of exploration property in northeastern Colombia. Ventana is currently drilling at the La Bodega property with a focus on expanding the high-grade La Mascota zone. The Company's shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol VEN.

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Certain of the statements and information in this news release constitute "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian provincial securities laws relating to the Company and its properties. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements when used in this news release, including information relating to: the estimated recovery of gold from mineralized material extracted and processed from the Company's property; the receipt of initial results from the metallurgical testing program to be commenced on ore from the La Bodega project; and engineering programs on the La Bodega project. These statements reflect Ventana's current views with respect to future events and are necessarily based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, including geological and technical results from the Company's property. Many factors, both known and unknown, could cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the results, performance or achievements that are or may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although Ventana has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated, described or intended. The Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements or information to reflect changes in assumptions or changes in circumstances or any other events affecting such statements or information, other than as required by applicable law.

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