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## EL NIÑO VENTURES INC. APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

February 22, 2010 Vancouver, Canada. El Niño Ventures Inc. ("ELN" "Company") (TSX.V: ELN; FSE: E7Q) is pleased to announce the appointment of John G. Oness as Director and Acting Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Oness has extensive experience and education in all aspects of corporate management with strengths in strategic planning, business development and investor relations for public companies. He has served as a director, executive and consultant to public companies in the resource and non-resource fields over a 20 year career.



On behalf of the Board and Management of the Company, we would like to thank the former Chief Financial Officer Mr. Tony Mayer, who resigned to pursue other interests, for his time and service to the Company and wish him the best with his new endeavors.

### About El Niño Ventures Inc.

El Niño Ventures is a mineral exploration company, focused on Copper/Cobalt exploration in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) See releases (Jan. 12, 2009, February 25, 2009). The Company holds a 50% interest in an extensive base metal project located within the Bathurst mining camp. El Niño entered into an option agreement with Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. and Xstrata Zinc Canada whereby Votorantim may earn a 50% interest in El Niño's landholdings by expending \$10 million over 5 years and may further increase its interest in El Niño's landholdings to 70% by expending an additional \$10 million over a further two years. Please see release (August 6, 2009).

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

"Harry Barr"  
Harry Barr, Chairman and Acting CEO

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