

ORVANA MINERALS CORP. ANNOUNCES THE ADDITIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Toronto, Ontario, February 26, 2010 -- Orvana Minerals Corp. (TSX:ORV) announced today the addition of Roland Horst and Jorge Szasz to the company's board of directors. Mr. Horst was recently appointed as Orvana's Chief Executive Officer and has 35 years of mining industry experience as a chief executive officer, investment banker, corporate banker and geologist. Mr. Szasz has extensive experience in the mining industry and served as a director of Orvana and as the company's Chief Financial Officer from 2002 to 2005.

"We are very fortunate to have had Mr. Horst join Orvana as Chief Executive Officer, and to have him and Mr. Szasz join the board", said Kent Jespersen, the Chairman of Orvana's board of directors. "They will be valuable additions to the board and I look forward to working with them during this exciting period of growth for Orvana."

About Orvana

Orvana Minerals is a gold producer with a strong balance sheet and is transforming itself into a multi-mine gold and copper producer. Orvana owns and operates the Don Mario Mine in Bolivia and is developing two other promising assets: the advanced-stage El Valle-Boinás/Carlés gold-copper project in northern Spain and the Copperwood copper project in Michigan. Additional information is available at Orvana's website (www.orvana.com).

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