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NORTHERN ABITIBI HAS RECEIVED EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR THE VIKING GOLD DRILLING PROGRAM

Northern Abitibi Mining Corp. ("Northern Abitibi") is pleased to announce that exploration permits have been received for its 2009 exploration program at the Viking Gold Property in Newfoundland and that a drill contract has been signed.

The exploration program will include trenching, mapping, and between 2000 and 3000 metres of core drilling in up to 35 drill holes. The program will be designed to expand and delineate the near-surface high-grade Thor Vein and test several additional zones of high grade gold mineralization identified at surface.

Exploration is scheduled to start around the third week of May with drilling to commence in early June, subject to weather conditions and the availability of equipment for mobilization.

The Viking Property

The Viking Property contains numerous high grade gold zones located within a 3 to 4 kilometer long, mostly till-covered, gold in soil anomaly. In October 2008 Northern Abitibi drilled 10 holes and intersected widespread high grade gold mineralization. Highlights include 4 holes that directly tested the Thor Vein and returned a high of 218.79 g/t gold over 0.5 metres, a low of 16.12 g/t gold over 3.8 metres, with an average of 50 g/t gold over 2.2 metres. A lower grade halo surrounds the Thor Vein including drill intersections of 23.0 metres grading 5.12 g/t gold (this includes the high grade Thor Vein), 22.0 metres grading 1.91 g/t gold, 10.8 metres grading 2.43 g/t gold, and 33.3 metres grading 0.73 g/t gold. The Viking property is located in the mining friendly jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador and has excellent access and local infrastructure, with a paved highway and power line located less than one kilometre from the project. A description of the Viking project is available on our website (www.naminco.ca).

Northern Abitibi

Northern Abitibi's technical team of experienced, professional geologists are assembling a portfolio of gold, nickel and other base metal projects from opportunities within Canada, Mexico and the United States. Northern Abitibi can earn a majority interest in the Viking project from Altius Resources Inc. by making staged share and cash payments and funding exploration over a period of 4 years.

Dr. Shane Ebert, P.Geo., is the Qualified Person responsible for the preparation of this news release.

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Shane Ebert, President/Director

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