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Capital Raising



Castle Minerals Limited (ASX: CDT) ("**Castle**") is pleased to advise that it has received commitments from institutional and sophisticated investors for the issue of 5,900,000 fully paid ordinary shares to raise a total of \$590,000. The shares will be issued at a price of \$0.10 per share.

The funds will be used to accelerate exploration at Castle's projects in Ghana and, in particular, advance the drilling of the new Julie West gold discovery in northern Ghana.

Castle's Managing Director, Mr Michael Ivey, said that the Company was very pleased with the response to the placement which was quickly completed despite the current difficult market conditions.

Key investors included the Metals and Energy Capital Division of Macquarie Bank Limited, Australia ("**Macquarie**"). Macquarie will acquire an interest of approximately 9.1% in Castle upon completion of the issue.

The placement will be completed using Castle's ability to issue up to 15% of its capital within a 12 month period without the need for shareholder approval. Castle shares on issue post completion will total 54.63 million and the Company will have available cash of ~\$1.2 million.

A second phase of drilling at the Company's Julie West gold prospect is expected to commence in late January 2009.

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