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## **International Tower Hill Expands Livengood Deposit with First Results of Winter Drilling Program**

### **Highlights: 7 of 10 Holes Return >100 gram metres**

<b>Intercepts Include:</b>	<b>137 metres @ 0.9 g/t gold</b>
	<b>73 metres @ 1.0 g/t gold</b>
	<b>41 metres @ 1.0 g/t gold</b>
	<b>18 metres @ 2.2 g/t gold</b>
	<b>11 metres @ 5.9 g/t gold</b>

Vancouver, B.C... International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. ("ITH" or the "Company") - (TSX: ITH, NYSE-A: THM, Frankfurt: IW9) is pleased to announce the results for the first 10 holes of the 20,000 metre winter drilling campaign at the Livengood gold project, Alaska. The gap area between the Sunshine and Core Zones was targeted with grid drilling during this initial phase of work (Figure 1). The four drills have subsequently been moved to the SW Zone to complete infill and step out drilling of this large target area, which has returned some of the highest grade intercepts in the deposit to date.

**Results from MK-RC-0312 (73 metres @ 1.03 g/t gold) and MK-RC-0313 (137 metres @ 0.88 g/t gold) have expanded the Sunshine Zone to the south and west by 150 metres.** The other drill holes listed confirm the continuity of the mineralization in this area of the deposit. **Expansion of the southeast side of the Core Zone in the gap area is highlighted by hole MK-RC-308 which returned a 10.7 metre intercept of 5.92 g/t gold as well as other +1 g/t gold intersections (Figure 1).**

Jeff Pontius, President and CEO of ITH, stated "These initial holes in the gap area between our two largest currently defined areas of mineralization continue to demonstrate the expansion potential of the deposit. The continued addition of new ounces to the deposit, combined with our recent excellent metallurgical results, reinforces the high development potential of the project."

Drilling in the SW Zone will focus on infilling the current broadly spaced drill pattern as well as adding step out holes to the west for the expansion of this promising new higher grade area of the deposit. Results from the full winter program will be incorporated into a new resource update scheduled for early third quarter of 2010.

The Company and SRK Consulting are progressing with a new Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), which will be based on a large milling circuit and a low grade heap leach facility. This study will focus on maximizing project economics with the addition of a high recovery milling circuit that will likely focus on floatation-gravity as the primary process method, and should indicate significant economic benefits in the PEA. This report is expected to be complete in the second quarter of 2010.

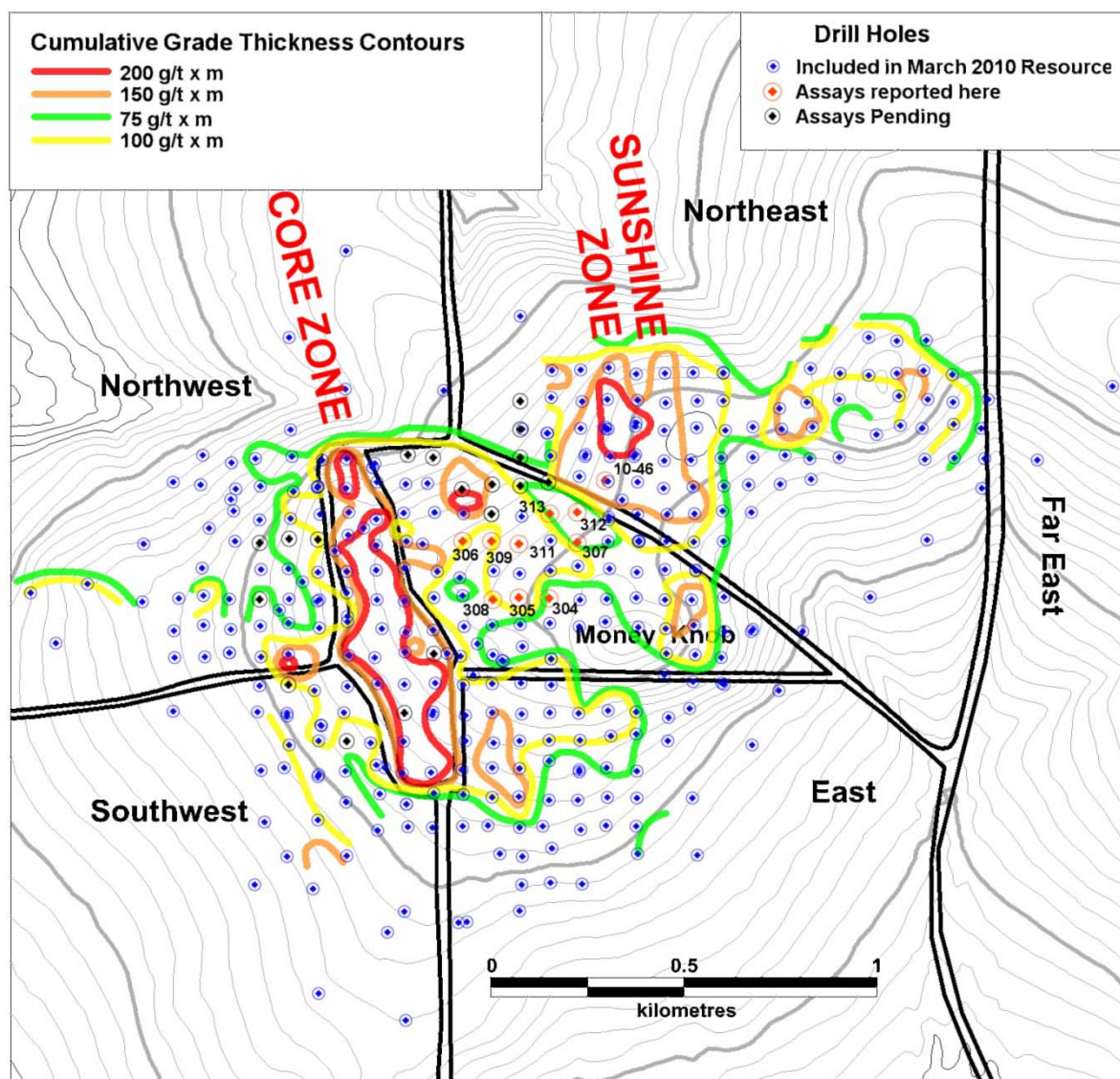


Figure 1: Locations of new assay results and current cumulative grade thickness map. Grade thickness contours are plotted relative to the location of mineralization in the subsurface in angled drill holes and so are offset from the collar locations shown.

Table 1: Significant New Livengood Intercepts\*

\*Intercepts are calculated using 0.25g/t cutoff and a maximum of 3 metres of internal waste. A cumulative gram metre is sum of the grade thickness products for all intercepts including many which are not reported here.

Drill Hole #	From (metre)	To (metre)	Length (metres)	Gold (g/t)	Cumulative grams x metres
MK-RC-0304	118.87	128.02	9.15	1.18	<b>144.28</b>
	132.59	147.83	15.24	0.64	
	<b>153.92</b>	<b>184.40</b>	<b>30.48</b>	<b>0.81</b>	
	<i>includes</i> <b>153.92</b>	<b>161.54</b>	<b>7.62</b>	<b>2.20</b>	
	201.17	208.79	7.62	0.74	
	211.84	219.46	7.62	0.93	
	<b>224.03</b>	<b>321.56</b>	<b>97.53</b>	<b>0.73</b>	

Drill Hole #	From (metre)	To (metre)	Length (metres)	Gold (g/t)	Cumulative grams x metres
<i>includes</i>	<b>257.56</b>	<b>272.80</b>	<b>15.24</b>	<b>1.74</b>	
<i>includes</i>	<b>283.46</b>	<b>289.56</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>1.28</b>	
	<b>356.62</b>	<b>368.81</b>	<b>12.19</b>	<b>1.07</b>	
<b>MK-RC-0305</b>	103.63	109.73	6.10	0.62	76.35
	240.79	252.98	12.19	0.94	
<i>includes</i>	<b>242.32</b>	<b>248.41</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>1.47</b>	
	316.99	341.38	24.39	0.52	
	352.04	399.29	47.25	0.58	
<i>includes</i>	<b>353.57</b>	<b>362.71</b>	<b>9.14</b>	<b>1.09</b>	
<b>MK-RC-0306</b>	3.05	9.14	6.09	0.57	<b>115.15</b>
	<b>38.10</b>	<b>47.24</b>	<b>9.14</b>	<b>1.08</b>	
	<b>51.82</b>	<b>57.91</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>1.16</b>	
	<b>62.48</b>	<b>68.58</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>1.90</b>	
	80.77	103.63	22.86	0.63	
	163.07	172.21	9.14	0.90	
	<b>297.18</b>	<b>338.33</b>	<b>41.15</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<i>includes</i>	<b>306.32</b>	<b>324.61</b>	<b>18.29</b>	<b>1.57</b>	
	344.42	356.62	12.20	0.76	
<b>MK-RC-0307</b>	269.75	295.66	25.91	0.64	28.42
<i>includes</i>	<b>272.80</b>	<b>278.89</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>1.34</b>	
<b>MK-RC-0308</b>	<b>94.49</b>	<b>105.16</b>	<b>10.67</b>	<b>5.92</b>	<b>139.32</b>
	<b>153.92</b>	<b>158.50</b>	<b>4.58</b>	<b>1.86</b>	
	<b>233.17</b>	<b>243.84</b>	<b>10.67</b>	<b>1.10</b>	
	257.56	271.27	13.71	0.84	
	275.84	289.56	13.72	0.89	
<i>includes</i>	<b>278.89</b>	<b>286.51</b>	<b>7.62</b>	<b>1.14</b>	
<b>MK-RC-0309</b>	3.05	25.91	22.86	0.63	<b>114.11</b>
	<b>68.58</b>	<b>83.82</b>	<b>15.24</b>	<b>1.06</b>	
<i>includes</i>	<b>74.68</b>	<b>83.82</b>	<b>9.14</b>	<b>1.40</b>	
	128.02	137.16	9.14	0.57	
	<b>141.73</b>	<b>160.02</b>	<b>18.29</b>	<b>2.22</b>	
<i>includes</i>	<b>150.88</b>	<b>156.97</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>5.35</b>	
	208.79	214.88	6.09	0.51	
	<b>220.98</b>	<b>233.17</b>	<b>12.19</b>	<b>1.13</b>	
<i>includes</i>	<b>225.55</b>	<b>228.60</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>2.91</b>	

Drill Hole #	From (metre)	To (metre)	Length (metres)	Gold (g/t)	Cumulative grams x metres
MK-RC-0311	36.58	45.72	9.14	0.38	31.70
	291.08	300.23	9.15	0.43	
MK-RC-0312	6.10	18.29	12.19	0.57	189.99
	<b>39.62</b>	<b>67.06</b>	<b>27.44</b>	<b>0.79</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>42.67</b>	<b>48.77</b>	<b>6.10</b>	
		<b>118.87</b>	<b>126.49</b>	<b>7.62</b>	
		<b>272.80</b>	<b>345.95</b>	<b>73.15</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>284.99</b>	<b>329.18</b>	<b>44.19</b>	
	367.28	379.48	12.20	0.77	
	384.05	388.62	4.57	0.73	
	393.19	443.48	50.29	0.60	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>402.34</b>	<b>405.38</b>	<b>3.04</b>	
	448.06	455.68	7.62	0.68	
MK-RC-0313	32.00	60.96	28.96	0.65	191.74
	<i>includes</i>	<b>53.34</b>	<b>56.39</b>	<b>3.05</b>	
		<b>220.98</b>	<b>358.14</b>	<b>137.16</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>236.22</b>	<b>248.41</b>	<b>12.19</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>259.08</b>	<b>262.13</b>	<b>3.05</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>284.99</b>	<b>323.09</b>	<b>38.10</b>	
	365.76	379.48	13.72	0.66	
		<b>393.19</b>	<b>409.96</b>	<b>16.77</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>394.72</b>	<b>405.38</b>	<b>10.66</b>	
	425.20	431.29	6.09	0.63	
MK-10-46	33.83	50.14	16.31	0.63	162.14
	<i>includes</i>	<b>46.63</b>	<b>49.46</b>	<b>2.83</b>	
		72.54	80.32	0.54	
		88.79	98.30	0.69	
		153.31	167.03	0.54	
		168.71	179.79	0.63	
		<b>213.21</b>	<b>218.98</b>	<b>5.77</b>	
		<b>239.11</b>	<b>265.50</b>	<b>26.39</b>	
		256.64	265.50	0.59	
		<b>270.36</b>	<b>308.46</b>	<b>38.10</b>	
	<i>includes</i>	<b>294.36</b>	<b>299.31</b>	<b>4.95</b>	
		<b>309.98</b>	<b>315.10</b>	<b>5.12</b>	

Drill Hole #	From (metre)	To (metre)	Length (metres)	Gold (g/t)	Cumulative grams x metres
	337.72	345.80	8.08	1.07	
	347.74	350.67	2.93	1.03	

### Livengood Project Highlights

- Drilling at the project continues to expand the deposit, with the current estimated resource only representing a snapshot in time. The latest resource estimate (February 2010) of 369 Mt at an average grade of 0.78 g/t gold (9.3 Moz) (Indicated) and 122 Mt at an average grade of 0.77 g/t gold (3.0Moz) (Inferred), both at a 0.5 g/t gold cut-off grade, makes it one of the largest new gold discoveries in North America.
- The Core and Sunshine Zones together account for most of the currently defined higher grade mineralization (Indicated Resources of 184 Mt at an average grade of 0.98 g/t gold and Inferred Resources of 56 Mt at an average grade of 0.99 g/t gold, based on a cut-off grade of 0.70 g/t gold) and will form the basis for starter pit design work.
- Ongoing metallurgical studies are focusing on the potential use of milling, with a flotation-gravity circuit, which has returned initial recoveries of 88% with an 80% volume reduction and offers significant potential for operational and capital cost savings. Test data for conventional whole ore milling with a gravity-CIL system indicated initial recoveries of 86% (See NR10-06). Optimization work is ongoing for these processing alternatives, as they have potential to make significant positive impacts on project economics.
- The geometry of the currently defined shallowly dipping, outcropping deposit has a low strip ratio amenable to low cost open pit mining which could support a high production rate and economies of scale.
- No major permitting hurdles have been identified to date.

The Company wishes to emphasize that the Livengood project has a very favourable logistical location, being situated 110 road kilometres north of Fairbanks, Alaska along the paved, all weather Elliott Highway, the Trans Alaska Pipeline Corridor, and the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline route. The terminus of the Alaska State power grid lies approximately 55 kilometres to the south.

ITH controls 100% of its approximately 125 square kilometre Livengood land package, which is made up of fee land leased from the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a number of smaller private mineral leases and 89 Alaska state mining claims. The Company and its predecessor, AngloGold Ashanti (U.S.A.) Exploration Inc., have been exploring the Livengood area since 2003, with the project's first indicated resource estimate being announced in early 2008. The 2009 resource expansion drilling significantly expanded the Money Knob deposit, which remains open for continued expansion in 2010 and beyond. Money Knob is emerging as one of the world's largest new gold deposits and is located in one of the most stable and mining friendly jurisdictions in the world.

### Geological Overview

The Livengood Deposit is hosted in a thrust-interleaved sequence of Proterozoic to Palaeozoic sedimentary and volcanic rocks. Mineralization is related to a 90 million year old (Fort Knox age) dike swarm that cuts through the thrust stack. Primary ore controls are a combination of favourable lithologies and crosscutting structural zones. In areas distal to the main structural zones, the selective development of disseminated mineralization in favourable host rocks is the main ore control. Within the primary structural corridors, all lithologies can be pervasively altered and mineralized. Devonian volcanic rocks and Cretaceous dikes represent the most favourable host lithologies and are pervasively altered and

mineralized throughout the deposit. Two dominant structural controls are present: 1) the major shallow south-dipping faults which host dikes and mineralization which are related to dilatant movement on structures of the original fold-thrust architecture during post-thrusting relaxation, and 2) steep NNW trending linear zones which focus the higher-grade mineralization which cuts across all lithologic boundaries. The net result is broad flat-lying zones of stratabound mineralization around more vertically continuous, higher grade core zones with a resulting lower strip ratio for the overall deposit and higher grade areas that could be amenable for starter pit production.

The main Money Knob surface gold geochemical anomaly covers an area 6 kilometres long by 2 kilometres wide, of which approximately half has been explored by drilling to date. Surface exploration is ongoing as new targets are being developed to the northeast of the Money Knob target.

### **Qualified Person and Quality Control/Quality Assurance**

Jeffrey A. Pontius (CPG 11044), a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has supervised the preparation of the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for this news release and has approved the disclosure herein. Mr. Pontius is not independent of ITH, as he is the President and CEO and holds common shares and incentive stock options.

The work program at Livengood was designed and is supervised by Dr. Russell Myers, Vice President, Exploration, and Chris Puchner, Chief Geologist (CPG 07048), of the Company, who are responsible for all aspects of the work, including the quality control/quality assurance program. On-site personnel at the project photograph the core from each individual borehole prior to preparing the split core. Duplicate reverse circulation drill samples are collected with one split sent for analysis. Representative chips are retained for geological logging. On-site personnel at the project log and track all samples prior to sealing and shipping. All sample shipments are sealed and shipped to ALS Chemex in Fairbanks, Alaska for preparation and then on to ALS Chemex in Vancouver, B.C. for assay. ALS Chemex's quality system complies with the requirements for the International Standards ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 17025: 1999. Analytical accuracy and precision are monitored by the analysis of reagent blanks, reference material and replicate samples. Quality control is further assured by the use of international and in-house standards. Finally, representative blind duplicate samples are forwarded to ALS Chemex and an ISO compliant third party laboratory for additional quality control.

### **About International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.**

International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. is a resource exploration company, focused in Alaska and Nevada, which controls a number of exploration projects representing a spectrum of early stage to the advanced multimillion ounce gold discovery at Livengood. ITH is committed to building shareholder value through new discoveries while maintaining a majority interest in its key holdings, thereby giving its shareholders the maximum value for their investment.

On behalf of

**INTERNATIONAL TOWER HILL MINES LTD.**

(signed) Jeffrey A. Pontius

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