



**Joint News Release**

**Central Sun Shareholders Approve Business Combination with B2Gold Corp.**

**Vancouver and Toronto, March 20, 2009** – B2Gold Corp. (TSX:BTO) ("B2Gold" or the "Company") and Central Sun Mining Inc. (TSX:CSM) (NYSE Alternext US:SMC) ("Central Sun") are pleased to announce that Central Sun shareholders have voted in favour of the previously announced business combination between Central Sun and B2Gold (the "Transaction") at a special meeting of Central Sun security holders held today in Toronto. The Transaction was approved by 99% of the votes cast representing 57% of Central Sun's outstanding shares. Pursuant to the Arrangement, holders of common shares in Central Sun will receive, for each common share held, 1.28 of a common share of B2Gold.

The completion of the Transaction remains subject to a final hearing by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) currently expected to take place on March 25, 2009, with closing of the Transaction expected to occur shortly thereafter. The Transaction is structured as a Plan of Arrangement under the Canada Business Corporations Act between B2Gold, Central Sun and 4485394 Canada Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of B2Gold.

Upon completion of the transaction, the combined company will have immediate annual gold production of 45,000 ounces which is expected to increase to an annual rate of 130,000 ounces in the fourth quarter of 2009 and will have significant reserves and resources with a strong portfolio of mining, development and exploration assets in Colombia, Nicaragua and Northeastern Russia.

**ON BEHALF OF B2GOLD CORP.**

**ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL SUN MINING INC.**

**"Clive T. Johnson"**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**"Peter Tagliamonte"**

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management, as well as its financial statements, or (ii) pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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Forward-looking information is based on various assumptions and on the best estimates of Central Sun or B2Gold, as the case may be, as of the date hereof, and is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of the Company (and the company resulting from the successful completion of the proposed B2Gold Transaction) to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to: general business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties; the actual results of current exploration activities; delay or failure to receive board or regulatory approvals; timing and availability of external financing on acceptable terms; the business of B2Gold and Central Sun not being integrated successfully or such integration proving more difficult, time consuming or costly than expected; not realizing on the potential benefits of the proposed B2Gold Transaction; conclusions of economic evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of mineral prices; failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; and, delays in obtaining governmental approvals or required financing or in the completion of activities, and as well as those risks identified under "Risk Factors" disclosure sections in the documents filed under the profile of SEDAR by Central Sun and/or B2Gold from time to time. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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