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Augusta Appoints Endeavour as Project Finance Advisor

DENVER, CO., October 9, 2009 - Augusta Resource Corporation (TSX/NYSE Amex: AZC) (“Augusta” or “the Company”) has retained Endeavour Financial International Corporation (“Endeavour”) as financial advisor with respect to project financing for the Rosemont copper project in Arizona.

Augusta has developed a project financing strategy that will see 65%-70% of the estimated \$900 million capital cost comprised of debt, including equipment-related financing, concentrate off-take financing, and bank debt financing. The Company anticipates the remaining project capital cost will be secured largely through sales of precious metals by-products.

Augusta President and CEO Gil Clausen said: “Endeavour's considerable experience and skill set adds significant strength to our project finance team as we execute on our financing plan for the Rosemont project.”

Endeavour is an integrated natural resource merchant banking company with a proven track record of delivering successful financial services to clients worldwide.

About Augusta

Augusta is a base metals company focused on advancing the Rosemont copper deposit near Tucson, Arizona. Rosemont hosts a large copper/molybdenum reserve that may account for about 10% of US copper output once in production in late 2011 (for details refer to www.augustaresource.com). The exceptional experience and strength of Augusta's management team, combined with the developed infrastructure and robust economics of the Rosemont project, will propel Augusta to become a solid mid-tier copper producer by 2012. The Company is traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE Amex under the symbol AZC, and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol A5R.

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