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PRESS RELEASE

TAKARA RESOURCES APPOINTS JULIE LASSONDE AS PRESIDENT

TORONTO, ONTARIO

December 22, 2008: Takara Resources Inc. (TKK:V) ("**Takara**") is pleased to announce that Julie Lassonde, B.Sc., has been appointed to the board of directors of Takara, and additionally, Ms. Lassonde will replace Ms. Jennifer Boyle as President of the Company.

Jennifer Boyle, Chief Executive Officer, welcomes Ms. Lassonde to the Takara team. "Takara is focused on streamlining its current business, both internally and externally. Julie's strong credit and corporate finance background combined with a sound knowledge of the mining industry makes her ideal for executing Takara's strategy."

Ms. Lassonde joins Takara with 11 years of experience in various financial and engineering fields including work as a civil engineer with SNC-Lavalin and investment banking experience with Macquarie Bank Ltd in Australia and the U.S.A. Ms. Lassonde holds a degree in Civil Engineering from Queen's University. She was most recently Vice President of Corporate Development with Southampton Ventures.

Takara further announces that Jennifer Boyle will replace Ms. Wesleigh Harkness as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Ms. Harkness fulfilled the role of interim Chief Financial Officer on a temporary basis, and she will continue to support the Company's initiatives in a consulting capacity.

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