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PRESS RELEASE

TAKARA INITIATES PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE TASSAWINI GOLD DEPOSIT, GUYANA

Toronto, Ontario, June 18, 2010 - Takara Resources Inc. (TSX.V:TKK) (“Takara”) reports that it has engaged Scott Wilson Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. (Scott Wilson RPA) to undertake a Preliminary Assessment Report (PA) to assess the economics of the 100%-owned Tassawini Gold Project located in northwest Guyana. The current 43-101 resource report by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. (“SRK”) (see www.sedar.com dated March 18, 2010) evidences that: (i) a significant amount of gold at Tassawini is contained in the mineralized zones (i.e., the mineralized zones are well constrained); (ii) that the geology is well understood; and (iii) no additional drilling is required to provide additional significant information in order to advance the project to Takara’s next milestone. By completing the PA, Takara is looking to attain the confidence level necessary to extract the contained metals economically. The completion of the PA is scheduled for late September 2010.

“Taking full advantage of the significant amount of previous drilling and sampling work completed at Tassawini, the PA is a quick and inexpensive track to defining and confirming the mining potential of the Tassawini mineral resource” says President & CEO, Jennifer Boyle. “In conjunction with the PA, Takara is evaluating a parallel exploration program with the goal to expand the gold resource at Tassawini, consisting of deep drilling to delineate any down dip resources below the saprolite and a step-out drilling program in the two directions that remain open to mineralization at Tassawini. Additionally, there are another seven drill-ready gold-in soil anomalies with supporting structure and geophysics that are located within 5 kilometres of Tassawini that have never been drilled.”

Integral to the PA is a National Instrument (NI) 43-101 compliant Mineral Resource Estimation for Tassawini by SRK, which was recently readdressed to Takara (see Takara news release dated March 18, 2010, and the report filed on SEDAR under Takara’s profile at www.sedar.com). The Tassawini Gold Project has a 43-101 compliant mineral resource at the Tassawini and Sonne deposits containing an Indicated Resource of 10,766,000 tonnes @ 1.3 grams per tonne (g/t) Au for 437,000 ounces gold and an Inferred Resource of 1,926,999 tonnes @ 1.0 g/t Au for 62,000 ounces gold (using a 0.5 g/t Au cut-off). Interested persons should refer to the March 18 news release for the relevant description of parameters used in the estimation and important cautions applying to the results.

The following is a list of technical data expected to be reviewed or developed for the PA Report to a standard confidence level of +/-35%.

- **Mine and Processing Plan** including description of mining methods, mine design and optimization, open-pit cut-off grades, power and access infrastructure, metallurgy and process flowsheet description including plant capacity and design capability, manpower, mine development/production schedules and productivities, and Life of Mine based on current estimated resource figures.
- **Project Economics and Financial Analysis** including estimation of capital costs, operating costs, cash flow scenarios, and a variety of financial performance indicators.

- **Environmental Requirements and Socio-economic Factors**
- **Project Opportunities** including assessment of local exploration projects to delineate potential for additional exploitable mineral resources.
- **Project Execution Plan**
- **Geology and Mineral Resources:** geological deposit model description, basic statistics of the assays and the composites, interpolation of grades or estimates by other methods, and description of other exploration properties, targets, prospects, deposits that are part of the ownership.

About the Tassawini Property

The property is situated in the Barima-Waini District of Northwestern Guyana, approximately 170 km northwest of the capital, Georgetown. The Tassawini Prospecting Licence (PL) includes the Tassawini and Sonne deposits.

Tassawini is regionally situated within the northern part of the Guyana Shield, an Archean-Proterozoic granite-greenstone terrain. Structurally-controlled epigenetic gold mineralization occurs as mesothermal and hypothermal lode gold deposits in bedrock and saprolite, characterized by silica-graphite-carbonate-pyrite-arsenopyrite-pyrrhotite mineral assemblages. Intense tropical weathering has formed a deep saprolite profile within the mineralized area up to 75 m vertical depth.

Since 2004, approximately \$26.3 million in exploration expenditures have been incurred on the Tassawini Gold Project, an advanced stage gold exploration project that produced over 11,000 ounces between 1907 and 1914. Tassawini has a 120-person modern camp and is accessible by air and commercial barge throughout the year.

Brent C. Jellicoe, P.Geo., a Geological Consultant for Takara, is a Professional Geoscientist in the Province of Saskatchewan. He is Takara's Qualified Person for the Guyana gold projects and is responsible for the verification and quality assurance of analytical results, and technical content of Company disclosures.

About Takara

Takara Resources Inc. is a Canadian based (TSX.V:TKK) is a gold company focused on the systematic exploration and development of their Guyana gold assets held within a wholly-owned subsidiary, StrataGold Guyana Inc., including two advanced-stage gold projects within the Guyana Shield, namely: (i) the 100% owned Tassawini Gold Project; and (ii) a 31% interest in the BRL Venture operated by Newmont Overseas Exploration Limited, a subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation (NYSE:NEM) and holding a 69% interest in the project.

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