Golden Wonder Ore Shipments Expected to Continue in Q-2; LKA to Approve New Mine Operator

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GIG HARBOR, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--LKA International, Inc. (OTCBB:LKAI - News) As previously announced, exploration efforts during 2009 produced over 729 ounces of gold from two bulk samples of ore averaging over 2.5 ozs gold (70.9 grams) per ton. LKA seeks to extend the Golden Wonder's previous production zones that produced over 133,000 ounces of gold with an average ore grade of 16.01 ounces gold (453.87 grams) per ton.

Multiple high-grade extensions of the Golden Wonder vein system were identified during the 2009 exploration program. LKA intends to build on its '09 exploration gains by defining the size and potential of these new zones. Further drilling and bulk sampling is also expected to result in additional ore shipments during the second quarter of this year.

To advance the Company's revenue-generating exploration plans for 2010, discussions are currently underway with two potential joint venture partners or mine operators. As a result of the mine's rich production history, discussion to date have included capital contributions by operators as part of any operating or joint venture arrangements. LKA expects to finalize a new operating agreement within the next sixty days.

About LKA

LKA is a Gig Harbor, WA based natural resource holding and development company. The Company's primary assets are the Golden Wonder mine and the Ute-Ulay silver mine and mill. Both of these properties are located in Hinsdale County, CO.

Safe Harbor Statement

LKA's plans to resume/expand Golden Wonder production are subject to a number of conditions including, but not limited to, favorable geology, successful exploration efforts, favorable financing terms/availability, permits, gold prices, market conditions, etc. Mining and related activities are inherently high-risk endeavors and there can be no assurance that LKA will be successful.

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