



## **Atacama Pacific Announces Exercise of Underwriters Over-Allotment Option**

Total Gross IPO Proceeds Increase to \$33.2 Million

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**TORONTO, December 7, 2010 – Atacama Pacific Gold Corporation** (TSXV:ATM) (“Atacama Pacific”) is pleased to announce that the over-allotment option (“Option”) granted to the underwriters of Atacama Pacific’s initial public offering (“Offering”) has been exercised in full, increasing the total gross proceeds from the Offering to \$33,206,250. As a result of the Option exercise, Atacama Pacific will issue 1,575,000 shares at a share price of \$2.75 for gross proceeds of \$4,331,250. The net proceeds from the Offering and associated Option exercise will be primarily used for exploration activities on Atacama Pacific’s 100%-owned Cerro Maricunga Project.

With the Option exercise, the Phase II drill program will be increased to 19,100 metres of drilling from 16,600 metres. Three drills are presently operating at Cerro Maricunga and focused on the 2.5 kilometre by up to 500 metre wide system of extensively oxidized, breccia-hosted gold mineralization discovered by Atacama Pacific. Phase I drilling extended the mineralization to depths of up to 450 metres and the zones remain open to depth.

The Offering was underwritten by a syndicate of underwriters led by Canaccord Genuity Corp. and included GMP Securities L.P. and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

With the exercise of the Option, Atacama Pacific will have 38,519,233 common shares issued and outstanding. Additional details on the Company are presented in the final prospectus available on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

### **About Atacama Pacific Gold Corporation**

Atacama Pacific’s principal business is the acquisition, exploration and development of precious metals resource properties in Chile. Atacama Pacific’s principal mineral property is the Cerro Maricunga oxide-associated, breccia-hosted gold project, located in Region III, 140 kilometres by road northeast of the city of Copiapo. Atacama Pacific’s goal is to become a producer of gold through the exploration and development of the Cerro Maricunga Project. Atacama Pacific also owns four other mineral properties within close proximity to the Cerro Maricunga Project and a fifth property in Chile’s Region I.

### **National Instrument 43-101 Compliance**



Under National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”) of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the qualified person for the Cerro Maricunga Property is Michael Easdon, a resident of Santiago, Chile and a Professional Geologist registered with the State of Oregon, USA. Mr. Easdon, an independent qualified person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and verified the contents of this press release.

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