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The Board of Serabi (AIM:SRB, TSX:SBI and SBI.WT) announces that the Company is at an advanced stage of raising up to approximately £2.7 million by way of a market placing of 27,050,000 Units with institutional shareholders at an indicative placing price of 10.0 pence per Unit. Each Unit comprises one new Ordinary Share of 5.0 pence each ("Ordinary Share") and one sixth of a share purchase warrant whereby each whole warrant (a "Warrant") entitles the holder to subscribe for one new Ordinary Share at an indicative price of 15.0 pence at any time for a period of two years. The net proceeds of the proposed placing will be used, in conjunction with the Company's existing cash balances to undertake a preliminary economic assessment on the viability of recommencing operations at Palito and provide additional working capital for the Company. The new Ordinary Shares will rank *pari passu* with the existing Ordinary Shares.

Certain of the Directors and their related interests have expressed a desire to participate in such a placing and subscribe on the same terms as third-party placees. A further announcement will be made in due course.

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Qualified Persons Statement

The information contained within this announcement has been reviewed and verified by Michael Hodgson, CEO of the Company. Mr Hodgson is an Economic Geologist by training with over 25 years' experience in the mining industry. He holds a BSc (Hons) Geology, University of London, a MSc Mining Geology, University of Leicester and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and a Chartered Engineer of the Engineering Council of UK, recognizing him as both a Qualified Person for the purposes of Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and by the AIM Guidance Note on Mining. Oil and Gas Companies dated March 2006.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control Procedures Disclosure

The Company has implemented and maintains a Serabi quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) protocol at its JDO Project as defined in its "NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Jardim Do Ouro Project, Para State, Brazil" dated 22 December 2010. This ensures best industry practice in sampling and analysis of exploration and resource definition samples. The insertion of field duplicates, certified standards and blank samples into the sample stream form part of the Serabi procedure (these act as an independent check on contamination, precision and accuracy in the analytical laboratory).

Assay results are reported once rigorous QAQC procedures have been approved

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