



ESPERANZA SILVER CORP. ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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January 18, 2010 – Vancouver, B.C. – Esperanza Silver Corp. ("Esperanza" or "the Company") (TSX-V:EPZ) today announced a private placement financing for gross proceeds of up to \$5 million. The placement will consist of 4,000,000 Units at \$1.25 per Unit. Each Unit will consist of one common share and one common share purchase warrant to purchase another share for \$1.75 for two years. If, after the expiry of all Canadian resale restrictions, the closing price of Esperanza's shares on the TSX Venture Exchange is \$2.20 or greater for a period of 20 consecutive trading days, the Company may accelerate the expiry of the Warrants, to 21 trading days after giving notice thereof.

Finder's fees of 5% are payable in cash or Units to certain finders in consideration of their efforts in locating investors.

The proceeds from the private placement will be used to continue exploration on the Company's Cerro Jumil (Mexico), San Luis (Peru), and other exploration programs as well as general working capital purposes.

There can be no assurance that the private placement will be completed as proposed or at all and it is subject to all applicable regulatory approvals. The shares, warrants and any shares issued on exercise of the warrants, are subject to restrictions on transfer for a period of four months from closing.

About Esperanza

Esperanza is a gold and silver company focused on advancing the development of its two principal properties: the 100%-owned Cerro Jumil gold project in Morelos State, Mexico and the San Luis gold and silver joint venture in Peru. It also holds an extensive portfolio of exploration properties in Mexico and Peru.

SAFE HARBOR: *Some statements in this release are forward-looking in nature. The United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for certain forward-looking statements. Such statements include statements as to the potential of the Cerro Jumil property, the ability to finance further exploration, permit drilling and other exploration work, and the availability of drill rigs. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, including those relating to exploration and bringing properties into production.*

Please refer to a discussion of some of these and other risk factors in Esperanza's Form 20-F filed with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements contained in this document constitute managements' current estimates as of the date of this release with respect to the matters covered herein. Esperanza expects that these forward-looking statements will change as new information is received and that actual results will vary, possibly in material ways. Forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, expectations and opinions of management on the date the statements are made, and the company does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions should change. For these reasons, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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