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SGS TO OPEN MULTI-PURPOSE COMMERCIAL LABORATORY IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA

SGS is pleased to announce plans to open a new multi-purpose laboratory equipped for geochemical and metallurgical testing in Monrovia, Liberia. This new laboratory will be strategically located to service the growing needs of the minerals exploration industry in West Africa. Start date for the new facility will be July 2011.

The Liberia laboratory will perform the following geochemical procedures:

- Sample preparation for iron ore, gold and base metals
- X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis for iron ores
- Thermogravimetry analysis (TGA) for iron ores
- ASTM methods that cover screening and particle size analysis for iron ores

In addition to geochemical analysis, this facility will also be equipped to be a regional center of excellence for iron ore metallurgical testing. To service iron ore, it will provide a comprehensive range of bench-scale metallurgical testwork services including:

- Comminution
 - Screen size and iron ore reporting tests
 - Tumble tests
 - Tower breakage tests
- Physical mineral separation
 - Davis tube testing for iron ore
 - Satmagan analysis for iron ore
 - Decrepitation tests

This new Liberia laboratory will expand our broad network of over 45 commercial labs around the world. SGS offers a wide range of services to the minerals sector including geochemical analysis, resource calculation, mineralogy, metallurgy, advanced systems, water treatment and trade services. For further information please visit our website www.sgs.com/minerals.

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