



North American Gem Inc. Announces Contracting the Services of Dean Schafer as Mining Operations Manager

April 16, 2009: North American Gem Inc. (TSX-V symbol: NAG) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has contracted the services of Mr. Dean Schafer of 33 Materials LLC effective immediately as the Company’s mining operations manager.

Mr. Schafer began his career in coal in 1989 as operations manager for American Carbon & Metals Inc. In six years with ACM, he managed coal, coke, minerals, and metal alloys blending and shipping operations for both domestic and international shipments. He increased monthly capacity of the shipping facility by over 500% during his tenure.

In 1995 he joined US Natural Resources Inc. to serve as assistant mine superintendent for surface coal mining operations of its sister company. He was primarily responsible for new mine development and reclamation of mined properties in accordance with landowner requirements and DEP regulations. He also managed coal and petroleum coke blending and shipping operations, surface coal mining operations and outside service contracts as well as special projects planning and development, land leasing and permitting of mining operations.

In 2004 Mr. Schafer joined The David Tesone Group where he managed all phases of daily operations for a group of companies consisting of surface mining, underground mining, transportation, material handling, and one coal preparation / processing / blending company. At David Tesone, he was also responsible for all phases of logistical planning, budgeting, quality control, inventory management, customer service, and regulatory compliance with agencies including Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Dean’s expertise had him involved in all aspects of mining from land leasing and permitting of mining operations to coal sales and procurement.

In 2003 Dean began acting on behalf of his own company, 33 Materials LLC, where he is the sole proprietor and founder. 33 Materials is a consulting company assisting mining operations in business and project development, coal sales and procurement, coal inventory management and transportation, mining permits, development, and management. 33 Materials also performs all logistical planning and inventory management and works with local and state level economic development agencies.

Under 33 Materials LLC, Mr. Schafer acted as operations manager for Kriebel Minerals Inc. in budgeting and cost analysis, planning and supervising all phases of well site development and reclamation including logistical planning, budgeting, contractor management, quality and cost control, inventory management, and landowner relations. Dean also worked closely with regulatory compliance agencies including the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, local municipalities, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Schafer's wealth of experience will be an integral part of North American Gem moving forward in its plan towards being a potential coal producer. Mr. Schafer will be overseeing all coal related day to day operations including the permitting process, coal, soil and water analysis, mine plan development and potential execution which would include coal sales and shipping as well as overseeing the contractors and engineer's on the ground.

Investors are invited to visit the NAG IR Hub

At <http://www.agoracom.com/IR/NorthAmericanGem> where they can post questions and receive answers or review questions and answers already posted by other investors. Alternatively, investors are able to e-mail all questions and correspondence to NAG@agoracom.com where they can also request to be added to the investor e-mail list to receive all future press releases and updates in real time.

North American Gem Inc. (TSX-V symbol: NAG) is a Junior Exploration Company based in Western Canada. The Company's primary goal is to explore for Coal in North America, currently the focus is in Saskatchewan and West Virginia. In addition to Coal exploration, the Company also has interests in Uranium, Copper, Gold, Molybdenum and other base metals in Canada. The Company has advanced the Louise Lake Copper-Gold-Molybdenum-Silver project, located in British Columbia and has produced a NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate (included in its NI 43-101 Technical Report dated July 14, 2006 and updated February 6, 2009, as filed on SEDAR). The Uranium projects include the Whiskey Gap and Western Basin in Alberta, the Mosquito Gulch property in the Northwest Territories and the Ranger Lake Uranium property in Ontario.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

NORTH AMERICAN GEM INC.

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