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Votorantim Elects To Option El Nino's Bathurst Camp Projects

August 6, 2009 Vancouver, BC – El Niño Ventures Inc. (“ELN” and the “Company”) (TSX.V: ELN; Frankfurt: E7Q) is very pleased to announce that Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. (Votorantim) has elected, following completion of an in-depth due diligence study, to enter into an Option Agreement with the Company whereby Votorantim may earn up to a 70% interest in 1805 mineral claims in the Bathurst Mining Camp, New Brunswick, in which ELN owns 50% interest and Xstrata Canada Corporation – Xstrata Zinc Canada Division (Xstrata Zinc), owns 50% interest. The due diligence study carried out by Votorantim, which included a study of an additional 2907 mineral claims wholly owned by Xstrata Zinc, involved more than 300 man days, extending over a six month period and examined all previous geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys as well as all existing drill data pertaining to the Property.

Votorantim Metals Canada Inc. is a subsidiary of Votorantim Metais which is part of the Votorantim Group which was founded in Brazil in 1918 and now operates in fifteen countries with over sixty thousand employees. Votorantim Metais is the largest electrolytic nickel producer in Latin America and a worldwide leader in zinc production as well as a significant producer of aluminum and steel.

The tripartite Option Agreement now being drafted is between Votorantim, ELN and Xstrata Zinc whereby Votorantim may elect, to earn up to a 70% interest in mineral claims (the “Property”) comprised of 1805 claims owned 50% ELN 50% Xstrata, 2907 claims owned 100% by Xstrata Zinc, together with any mineral claims subsequently staked by the parties within an Area of interest, in which ELN and Xstrata Zinc hold equal interests.

Votorantim may earn a 50% interest in the Property by incurring exploration expenditures of \$10 million over a period of 5 years and may further elect to increase its interest to 70% by spending another \$10 million over an additional two years. Upon Votorantim vesting with 50% interest in the Property ELN will retain a 25% interest in the 1805 claims as well as a 25% interest in any mineral claims staked subsequently by the parties within the Area of interest. Should Votorantim increase its interest to 70% the ELN interest would be reduced to 15%.

Several historical tonnage and grade estimates exist for zinc and copper mineralisation occurring within the 1805 claims in which ELN currently holds 50% interest, which were derived from earlier drilling campaigns.

Mr Jean Luc Roy, President & CEO of El Nino states: “We are very pleased with the positive outcome of the due diligence study and look forward to the initial exploration program and appreciate Votorantim’s involvement with the Bathurst Mining Camp project.”

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

“Jean Luc Roy”

Jean Luc Roy, President and CEO

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