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NEWS RELEASE

Freegold Ventures Limited and Western Standard Metals Ltd. Defer Proposed Amalgamation

April 5, 2010 (Vancouver, British Columbia), Freegold Ventures Limited (“**Freegold**”), (TSX: ITF) and Western Standard Metals Ltd. (“**Western Standard**”), (TSX-V: WSM) (**the “Companies**) wish to announce that further to a February 17, 2010 news release, the Companies are deferring the amalgamation of the companies and Management of both Companies will concentrate on building value for their shareholders by focusing on the exploration and development work programs on their respective and joint projects for the upcoming field season. Both Companies will continue amalgamation discussions in order to consolidate their projects.

Freegold is also pleased to announce that Alvin Jackson, Chairman and C.E.O. of Western Standard, has joined the Board of Directors of Freegold. The Board of Freegold welcomes Mr. Jackson to the Board and looks forward to his valuable input on the advancement of its projects.

Western Standard announces that Mr. Zahir Dhanani, a Vancouver based businessman and entrepreneur, has joined its Board of Directors. Mr. Dhanani has been involved in financing numerous mining companies and will bring a wealth of experience in helping Western Standard develop its corporate objectives.

About Freegold Ventures Limited

Freegold is a TSX listed company focused on the exploration of gold projects in Alaska. In addition to the Golden Summit Gold Project, the company holds a 100% in lease interest in the Rob Gold Project, near the Pogo Gold Mine in the Goodpaster Mining District of Alaska and has an exploration agreement with option to lease the Vinasale Gold project in central Alaska.

About Western Standard Metals Ltd.

Western Standard Metals Ltd. is a Canadian based company, listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, with a focus on acquisition, exploration and development of gold properties in North America. Western Standard holds a 100% interest in the Almaden Gold Project and the Crane Creek Gold Project in Idaho, United States. Western Standard has optioned from Freegold the right to acquire a 50% interest in each of the Golden Summit and the Vinasale gold projects in Alaska.

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“Alvin Jackson, P. Geo”
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