

News Release

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Cerro Grande Mining Corporation Reports Significantly Improved Results for the Three Months and Six Months Period Ending March 31, 2011 Compared to Similar Periods in 2010

Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Cerro Grande Mining Corporation (the “Company”) (TSX-CEG) (formerly South American Gold and Copper Company Limited) reported today its results for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended 2010 and for the six months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended March 31, 2010.

Revenues from gold, copper and silver sales for the three months period ended March 31, 2011 were US \$4,857,000 compared to US \$2,037,000 for the three months period ended March 31, 2010. Net earnings were a positive US \$351,000 for the three months period ended March 31, 2011 compared to a loss of (US \$508,000) for the three months period ended March 31, 2010.

During the three months ended March 31, 2011 the plant at Pimenton was shut down for 21 days in February due an unexpected failure of the main shaft on the ball mill which substantially reduced earnings and gold ounces sold during the quarter. The shaft was replaced at the end of February. The plant sold 1,015 ounces of gold in January; 202 ounces of gold in February; 1,413 ounces of gold in March and 1,629 ounces of gold in April.

For the six months period ended March 31, 2011 revenues from gold, copper and silver

sales were US \$11,020,000 compared to US \$4,200,000 for the comparable period in 2010. Net earnings were a positive US \$2,029,000 or US \$.02 per share for the six months period ended March 31, 2011 compared to a loss of (US \$1,528,000) or (US \$.01) per share for the comparable period in 2010.

Gold ounces sold in the six month period ended March 31, 2011 were 6,854 ounces compared to 3,429 ounces sold in the six month period ended March 31, 2010. Cash cost per ounce at the Pimenton mine, net of by-product credits, was US \$610 for the six months ended March 31, 2011 compared to US \$1,070 in the comparable period ended March 31, 2010.

Working capital at March 31, 2011 was a positive 1.37 to 1.00 including cash of US \$3,271,000 compared to a negative .80 to 1:00 including cash of US \$1,470,000 for the period ended September 30, 2010.

Cerro Grande Mining Corporation is a minerals producing, exploration and development company with properties and activities currently focused in Chile.

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