ROCKEX MINING CLOSES FIRST TRANCHE OF ITS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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February 3, 2011 – Rockex Mining Corporation ("Rockex Mining" or the "Corporation") is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed the first tranche of its previously announced non-brokered private placement of units (each, a "Unit") and flow-through common shares (each, a "FT Common Share") - see Rockex Mining's news release dated February 1, 2011. The Corporation issued 1,163,111 Units at a price of \$0.90 per Unit and 111,000 FT Common Shares at a price of \$0.90 per FT Common Share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,146,700 (the "Offering"). Each Unit issued pursuant to the Offering is comprised of one common share of the Corporation (a "Common Share") and one Common Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each whole Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share at a price of \$1.15 at any time prior to the earlier of (i) the expiry of an 18 month period after the closing date of the Offering (the "Closing Date") and (ii) 30 days after notice from the Corporation if the Common Shares have traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") with a weighted average price at or above \$1.50 for 20 consecutive trading days occurring more than 4 months after the Closing Date. The securities issued in connection with the Offering are subject to a four month hold period. Rockex Mining anticipates completing the final tranche of the private placement within the next day or two. Rockex Mining has reserved the right to increase the size of its Offering.

The gross proceeds to Rockex Mining from the FT Common Shares will be used to fund exploration expenses which qualify as "Canadian Exploration Expenses" (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)) in connection with Rockex Mining's projects in Ontario. Proceeds from the sale of the Units will be used for general corporate purposes.

About Rockex Mining Corporation

Rockex Mining, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Rockex Limited, is a mineral exploration company based in Thunder Bay, Ontario focused on discovering and developing significant iron resources in Northwestern Ontario, Canada. Rockex Limited has a 100% direct interest in the Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project, consisting of 23 contiguous mining claims covering a nominal area of approximately 5,392 hectares located approximately 100 kilometres northeast of Sioux Lookout and 80 kilometres south-southwest of Pickle Lake. In addition, Rockex Limited holds a 100% interest in three other iron projects in relative close proximity to Rockex Limited's Western Lake St. Joseph Project: (i) East Soules Bay, a property consisting of 3 contiguous mining claims (768 hectares) in and along the eastern end of Lake St. Joseph, approximately 40 kilometres east of Rockex' Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project, (ii) the Doran Lake Property consisting of 4 contiguous mining claims (832 hectares) in and along the north shore of Doran Lake, south of Lake St. Joseph, approximately midway between the Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project and the East Soules Bay Project and (iii) the Root Lake Project, a property

consisting of 4 contiguous claims (832 hectares), approximately 100 kilometres north of Sioux Lookout near the central part of Lake St. Joseph. Rockex Limited also holds an option to acquire a 100% interest in 5 claims covering 1,024 hectares in close proximity to the central part of Lake St. Joseph – the Root Bay Project. Please visit the Corporation's website at www.rockexmining.com.

For further information, please contact Pierre Gagné, Chairman of the Board of Rockex Mining at 807-623-2626 or by email at <u>pgclgagne@tbaytel.net</u> or by mail at 580 New Vickers Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7G 1J3.

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