KOKANEE MINERALS INC.

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KOKANEE CLOSES \$7.5 MILLION EQUITY FINANCING AND CONCURRENT PROPERTY OPTION

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Vancouver, B.C. – **October 11, 2011** – **Kokanee Minerals Inc.** ("Kokanee") (TSX-V:KOK) announces that it has closed a \$7.5 million non-brokered private placement of 50,000,000 units at \$0.15 per unit. (the "Offering"). Each unit consists of one common share and one non-transferable share purchase warrant exercisable into one additional common share of Kokanee at an exercise price of \$0.30 until October 11, 2012. The private placement shares, warrants and any shares issued on exercise of the warrants are subject to a hold period which expires February 12, 2012. The Offering did not result in a change of control of Kokanee. A number of agents assisted Kokanee in placing the Offering and Kokanee has paid a cash commission of seven percent (7%) on proceeds raised by the agents. The Offering has received final TSX Venture Exchange approval.

Kokanee has also received final TSX Venture Exchange approval to proceed with two property option agreements with AFGF (Tanzania) Limited ("AFGF"). Kokanee has acquired the option to earn an 80% interest in Prospecting Licenses 6952/2011, 6903/2011 and 6905/2011 located in the Handeni Mining District of Tanzania (the "Properties"). Kokanee's 80% interest in Prospecting License 6952/2011 can be earned by Kokanee paying a total of \$2 million, issuing 1,200,000 shares and incurring \$3,500,000 in work expenditures on the property. Kokanee can earn its 80% interest in Prospecting Licenses 6903/2011 and 6905/2011 by paying a total of \$3 million, issuing 1,500,000 shares and incurring \$6,500,000 in work expenditures. The 2,700,000 shares being issued to AFGF are subject to a hold period which expires February 13, 2012. Kokanee's interests in the Properties are subject to a 2% net smelter return royalty.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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