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**Target Resources plc (“Target” or the “Company”)  
operational update & additional investment**

**Target Resources plc (AIM:TGT), the alluvial diamond and gold mining company operating in Sierra Leone, announces that it has commenced enhanced mining in its Kono district area as per its mining plan. It also announces US\$3 million in equity and loan to be used in Target’s new licences and for ongoing working capital purposes.**

**Operational Update:**

In October 2007 the Company completed a successful fundraising which facilitated the purchase of new mining equipment to enable Target to increase its operations in Sierra Leone significantly.

The Company has recently completed the purchase of the required mining and processing equipment, to include earth moving machinery, jigs, processing plants and dredging equipment and machinery. The last delivery, of the cutter-head dredge, is scheduled to arrive to Sierra Leone at the end of June 2008, in time to start operations on the Bafi River during the rainy season.

Over the last four months, and whilst the Company was in the process of purchasing the equipment outlined above, the Company has extracted just under 500 carats from its pitting and sampling program. The findings included two large stones, of 17.19 and 15.84 carats. Part of this quantity has already been delivered to Target’s marketing partner, Laurelton Diamonds, Inc (a subsidiary of Tiffany & Co (NYSE:TIF)), which apportioned some of it to its own polishing stock, and some to outside tenders.

Enhanced mining started late March 2008 in the areas identified by the Company’s advanced RAP profiling system. Since then, gravel has been accumulated at a rate of about 8,000 tons per week. Processing of the gravel in the Company’s existing DMS machine will commence following the arrival of essential equipment and machinery parts, scheduled to arrive in May 2008.

**Additional Investment:**

Target is also pleased to announce a further loan from Laurelton Diamonds, Inc. and an investment of US\$1 million by a Laurelton affiliate (‘the Investment’). That affiliate will acquire 3,350,084 new ordinary shares in Target at a price of 15p per share. Laurelton will provide a short term debt facility of US\$ 2 million. The funds will be used to commence exploration on the Company’s new exploration licences in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sierra Leone, which were announced to the market on 14 January 2008, and for ongoing working capital purposes.

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the new ordinary shares issued pursuant to the Investment to be admitted to trading on AIM (“Admission”), which is expected to occur on 29 April 2008. The new ordinary shares will, upon Admission, rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of 1p each in the share capital of the Company.

Upon Admission, the Company's enlarged share capital will comprise 121,725,583 ordinary shares with voting rights. The Company does not hold any shares in treasury. This figure of 121,725,583 ordinary shares may be used by shareholders in the Company as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change in their interest in, the share capital of the Company under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.



The Company will announce its results for the year ended 31 October 2007 the week beginning the 28 April 2008.

**Commenting on the operation, Dr Nissim Levy, Managing Director, said:**

*"We are encouraged by the progress our team has made. Our new machinery and equipment has been acquired, most of which has already been delivered to the site and we are confident that we will be able to increase operations as per the Company's mining plan. With gravels extracted every day, which we expect to be boosted imminently by our dredging operation, we are on track to deliver our mining plan and maximise the full potential of our leases in Sierra Leone for our investors."*

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**About Target**

- Target is an alluvial diamond mining and exploration company operating in Sierra Leone.
- Target is among the first large scale mining ventures to be established in Sierra Leone since the end of the civil war in 2002.
- The Company has 4,263 acres (17.25 Sq km) under mining leases in the rich diamond and gold area of Kono, which is recognised as the most productive area for diamond mining in Sierra Leone.
- The Company has Exclusive Prospecting Licences for Gold, covering 520 sq km in the Alluvial Gold area in the Tonkolili district and for Diamonds, covering 254 sq km in Kenema District, known for its 'fancy' diamonds..

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