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**Golden Valley Mines Announces Non-Brokered Private Placement**

**Val-d'Or, Québec – December 6, 2010 – Golden Valley Mines Ltd. (“Golden Valley” or the “Company”) (TSX-V symbol: GZZ)** announces a private placement of up to 1,290,322 flow-through common shares (the “**FT Shares**”) at a subscription price of \$0.62 per FT Share and of up to 6,666,666 units (the “**Units**”) at a subscription price of \$0.45 per Unit resulting in gross proceeds, if fully subscribed, of up to \$3.8 million.

Each Unit shall consist of one common share (a “**Common Share**”) and one-half of a warrant (a “**Warrant**”). Each whole Warrant shall entitle the holder thereof to acquire one additional common share at a price of \$0.75 per common share for a period of eighteen months from the date of completion of the financing (the “**Closing Date**”). The Common Shares, the Warrants, and the FT Shares acquired by the placees will be subject to a hold period of four months plus one day from the Closing Date in accordance with applicable securities legislation.

Placees under the offering are to include directors and officers of the Company. The Company intends to use those proceeds raised to incur grass roots exploration expenditures on Golden Valley's property portfolio located in Quebec, Ontario, and in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and for general working capital. The private placement is a related party transaction for the purposes of TSX Venture Policy 5.9, however is exempt from the minority approval and valuation requirements of such policy. In connection with this private placement and prior to this announcement, the Company filed Form 4A – Price Protection Form with the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**Exchange**”). The private placement is subject to the approval of the Exchange and is expected to close on or before December 20, 2010.

**About Golden Valley Mines Ltd.:** The Company typically tests initial grassroots targets while owning a 100% interest therein and then seeks partners to continue exploration funding. This allows the Company to carry on its generative programs and systematic exploration efforts at other majority-owned grassroots projects. As of December 6 2010, the Company (together with its various subsidiaries) holds majority property interests in 153 projects consisting of 3,839 mining titles (219,479 hectares or 2195 km<sup>2</sup>) in Canada (Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec) and 3 projects consisting of approximately 1,104 km<sup>2</sup> (110,381 hectares) in the Republic of Sierra Leone in West Africa.

The Company has formed four subsidiaries to hold advanced projects and/or projects that are peripheral to its core business plan (grassroots exploration) and/or outside of its main area of operations (Abitibi Greenstone Belt) with the intention of making an application for the listing of their shares on the Exchange, namely (1) Abitibi Royalties Inc. (which holds the Malartic CHL project, an option/joint venture project with Osisko Mining Corp., and the Luc Bourdon and Luc Bourdon West Project, an option/joint venture project with Noront Resources Ltd. and White Pine Resources Inc.), (2) Nunavik Nickel Mines Ltd. (which holds the Company's advanced nickel-copper-PGE projects situated in the Nunavik Region of Québec), (3) Uranium Valley Mines Ltd. (which holds the Company's 40% interest in the Beartooth Island Project and which is

anticipated to hold other advanced uranium joint venture projects), and (4) Calone Mining Ltd. (to pursue grassroots exploration in the Republic of Sierra Leone, West Africa through the acquisition of the common shares of Calone Mining Company (S.L.) Ltd.). At this time, the Company has yet to make a formal listing application to the Exchange and the completion of the foregoing proposed transactions is subject to, amongst other things, the approval of the Exchange, the Company's shareholders, the Court of British Columbia, and all other applicable regulatory bodies.

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