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NEWS RELEASE

**GOLD CANYON CLOSES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT
WITH JIPANGU INC. OF JAPAN**

Gold Canyon Resources Inc. (GCU: TSX-V) (“Gold Canyon” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the closing of its previously announced strategic investment by Jipangu Inc. (“Jipangu”), the only gold mining company in Japan, in Gold Canyon. In consideration of a payment by Jipangu to Gold Canyon in the amount of C\$400,000, the Company has issued 2,500,000 common shares from treasury and has granted Jipangu certain rights of first refusal with respect to any sale, grant or other disposition of Gold Canyon’s interest in the Springpole Gold Project in the Red Lake Mining District of Ontario, Canada or any future financing of the Company for a period of one year from the closing of the investment. Net proceeds of the transaction will be used for additional work on Gold Canyon’s Springpole Gold Project.

Common shares issued to Jipangu will be subject to a hold period expiring on December 18, 2009 in accordance with the rules and policies of the TSX Venture Exchange and applicable Canadian securities laws.

About Gold Canyon Resources Inc.:

Gold Canyon is engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mineral and precious metals properties. The Company controls a 100% interest in the Springpole Gold - Horseshoe Island Gold, Platinum, Palladium Project and Favourable Lake Poly-metallic property currently under option to Shoreham Resources Inc. pursuant to an option and joint venture agreement entered into in December 2005 - all in the Red Lake Mining District of Ontario, Canada.

Through its wholly owned U.S. subsidiary, Gold Canyon Resources USA Inc., the Company controls a 100% interest in the Cordero Gallium Project situated in Humboldt County, Nevada, U.S.A.

Gold Canyon entered into a Joint Exploration Agreement with the Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) in January 2009.

Additional information can be found on the Company’s website: www.goldcanyon.ca

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