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NEWS RELEASE

**GOLD CANYON UPDATES RARE EARTH ELEMENTS JOINT
EXPLORATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JAPAN OIL, GAS AND
METALS NATIONAL CORPORATION**

Gold Canyon Resources Inc. (GCU: TSX-V) (“Gold Canyon” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary Gold Canyon Kratz Spring LLC and its joint venture participant Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) have reached an agreement for the April 2010 – March 2011 fiscal year scope of work program and budget on May 11, 2010. Under the terms of the Joint Exploration Agreement (JEA), JOGMEC holds an 80% option to all of the JEA projects and the budget of US \$1,084,500 was approved for this fiscal year.

JOGMEC is a government organization established under the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and is responsible for fostering international exploration and development of strategic minerals, amongst other mineral and petroleum related activities.

The JEA was formed in January 2009. Gold Canyon Kratz Spring LLC, as the operator of the JEA, conducts Rare Earth Element (REE) exploration, project identification and evaluations. The 2009 objective of the JEA was to identify, analyze and perform evaluations leading to production of REEs from Iron Oxide Copper Gold +/-Rare Earth Element (IOCG+/-REE) style deposits. During the forthcoming fiscal year, work will continue on projects identified during the 2009 fiscal year that have met JEA qualifications for further evaluation. An additional US\$ 80,000 was approved for due diligence work on one of the Scandinavian IOCG+/-REE projects.

The April 2010 – March 2011 fiscal year budget will expand the scope of work to be completed by the JEA, to include REE exploration and project identification within geological domains other than IOCG+/-REE.

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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