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## **Astral Commences Exploration Program at Los Crestones Gold-Silver Project, Sinaloa, Mexico**

**Vancouver, BC - Astral Mining Corporation (TSX-V AA, AA.WT) ("Astral" or "the Company")** is pleased to announce commencement of a Phase I surface exploration program at the 4,168 hectare Los Crestones epithermal gold-silver project in the Sierra Madre gold-silver belt, in Sinaloa, Mexico. In preparation for diamond drilling this summer, Astral has mobilized its exploration crew to the 100% owned Los Crestones Project.

The scope of Phase I program will include:

- Rock chip and channel outcrop sampling
- Trenching and channel sampling on vein extensions
- Project-scale reconnaissance rock sampling and mapping.
- Geological mapping at project and detailed scales,
- Orientation soil sampling along identified trends
- Community consultation and environmental permitting
- Road building and drill pad construction

The current program will evaluate potential extensions of the main mineralized trend and evaluate additional showings on the property prior to diamond drilling scheduled to commence during summer 2011.

Los Crestones is an early stage gold-silver property located within the prolific Sierra Madre gold-silver belt in Western Mexico that has never been drill tested. Historical workings on the property are limited to small adits and excavations on three prominent quartz veins or "crestons" hosted by andesitic rocks proximal to monzonitic and granodioritic intrusive rocks. The three named veins "Corona", "Bohemia" and "El Indio" are oriented north-south and dip uniformly 60 to 75 degrees to the east. The veins define a 400m wide corridor and scattered showing indicate that the trend may traverse the length of the property (see map [here](#)).

Technical details contained in this news release have been reviewed by Dale Brittliffe, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101 and Astral's V.P. Exploration, but should be viewed as historical as the work was carried out by previous parties.

Astral Mining Corporation is a Canadian company engaged in the exploration and development of precious metal properties in the Americas. By focusing on exploration in mining-friendly districts, the Company minimizes the political and social risks encountered in many other parts of the world. With a new gold discovery at the Company's Jumping Josephine Gold Project in Southern British Columbia, the promising early stage Los Crestones gold-silver project in Sinaloa state, Mexico, an experienced technical team and seasoned management, Astral is poised to leverage this expertise into early

exploration success. Further details on Astral Mining Corporation and its high-quality portfolio of exploration projects can be found at [www.astralmining.com](http://www.astralmining.com).

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