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Shares Outstanding – 21,800,000

Astral Mining Corporation to raise \$1,800,000 CDN

Vancouver, British Columbia; Astral Mining Corporation (TSX-V AST) (“Astral” or “the Company”) has arranged a non-brokered private placement of up to six million units priced at 30 cents per unit to raise \$1,800,000. Subscribers may include directors and officers of the Company. Each unit will consist of one common share and one share purchase warrant. Each share purchase warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one common share of the company for 24 months from the closing date at a price of 50 cents per common share. All of the securities issued pursuant to this offering will have a hold period expiring four months after the closing date. The warrants are subject to an acceleration clause such that if, during the term of the warrants but after the expiry of the four-month hold period, the closing price of the company's shares remains at or above a price of 75 cents for each of 30 consecutive trading days, the company may give notice to the purchasers that the warrants will expire in 20 days unless the warrants are exercised within that time.

The company may pay certain finder's fees in cash equal to 8 per cent of the gross proceeds raised from purchasers introduced to the company by the finder. The private placement and payment of any finder's fees are subject to acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange. The net proceeds will be used to finance exploration work on Astral's Jumping Josephine property as well as the company's other high-potential precious metals properties, and for general working capital.

Astral is currently drilling its gold prospects in the Carolinas. In late 2007, the company completed a phase 2 drill program, consisting of 69 holes on the 11,785-hectare Jumping Josephine (“JJ”) gold project in the West Kootenay region of Southern British Columbia, where Astral has earned a 60-per-cent interest from Kootenay Gold.

2007 “JJ” drill highlights included: (previously released January 21, 2008)

- 19m averaging 7.01 g/t gold (62.32 feet at 0.205 opt) including 5m averaging 16.42 g/t gold (16.40 feet at 0.479 opt)
- 10m averaging 9.95 g/t gold (32.8 feet at 0.29 opt)
- 4m averaging 15.18 g/t gold (13.1 feet at 0.443 opt) including 1m at 56.4 g/t gold (3.28 feet at 1.645 opt)
- 5m averaging 7.74 g/t gold (16.4 feet at 0.226 opt) including 2m averaging 15.99 g/t (6.56 feet at 0.466 opt)
- 3m averaging 13.83 g/t gold (9.84 feet at 0.403 opt) including 1m at 35.6 g/t (3.28 feet at 1.038 opt)
- 6m averaging 8.28 g/t gold (19.68 feet at 0.241 opt) including 3m averaging 26.9 g/t (9.84 feet at 0.784 opt)
- 8m averaging 12.44 g/t gold (26.24 feet at 0.363 opt) including 3m averaging 26.2 g/t gold (9.84 feet at 0.784 opt)
- 5m averaging 7.96 g/t gold (16.4 feet at 0.232 opt) including 1m at 32.4 g/t (3.28 feet at 0.945 opt)

To view all 2007 “JJ” drill holes see long section map on the website at http://www.astralmining.com/i/maps/LongSectionRevE_Jan2008crop.JPG

Astral Mining Corporation is a Canadian-based company engaged in the exploration and development of precious metal properties in North America. 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, and 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"Manfred Kurschner"

Mr. Manfred Kurschner, President & CEO

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