



News Release Drilling Contract Awarded for Gualcamayo Gold Project

Vancouver, British Columbia, September 20, 2004 - Viceroy Exploration Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has awarded the contract for the next phase of drilling on the Gualcamayo Gold Project to Major Drilling S.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Major Group Drilling International Inc. of Moncton, New Brunswick.

The unit specified for the contract is a specialized diamond drill rig capable of completing horizontal and positive holes up to a maximum angle of +45°. This rig was selected as it can test targets and complete infill drilling without the need for extensive road construction. Furthermore, the rig can also drill from the existing underground workings. This flexibility will permit drilling of previously untested targets, as well as testing the extent of existing structures at the Quebrada Del Diablo (QDD), the Amelia Ines and the Magdalena zones.

In particular, the Company plans to follow up on hole QDR – 99 which intercepted 60 meters of an average of 2.80 g/t. This is one of the most western holes in QDD and more significantly, the lowest hole in this shallow-dipping resource.

Furthermore, this second phase of drilling will consist of additional in-fill drilling on the main QDD resource and continued exploration of the targets drilled during the most recent campaign.

The Company also wishes to announce that, subject to all necessary approvals, 480,000 stock options have been granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plan at an exercise price of \$1.57 for a period of five years. Of these, 200,000 were granted to certain directors and 280,000 to geological consultants.

About Viceroy Exploration Ltd.

Viceroy Exploration Ltd. is a well-financed company focused on the exploration and development of its 100%-owned Gualcamayo Gold Project, with over 1.5 million ounces of gold in resource, located in San Juan Province, Argentina.

The Company owns four additional properties, all located in favourable geology in Argentina. Las Flechas, a highly prospective gold target to the north, has recently been joint-ventured with Tenke Mining Corp. The three other properties will also be advanced through joint ventures.

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Forward Looking Statement

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