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PERMIT APPROVAL

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October 19, 2010 - Nevada Copper Corp. (TSX: NCU) ("Nevada Copper") announces that the Lyon County Board of Commissioners approved its application for a Special Use Permit to conduct Advanced Exploration on its Pumpkin Hollow Project. Advanced Exploration entails construction of an 18-foot by 18-foot decline tunnel to access high grade underground deposits in the East and E-2 zones of the property. Nevada Copper has worked over the last few years with both Lyon County and the City of Yerington to inform them of the company’s activities at the Pumpkin Hollow Project. Both the Planning Commission and the Board unanimously approved the applications. The City previously entered into a water service agreement to provide water to the project.

“Not only have both the County and City been extremely cooperative in working with us as we proceed toward development” said Greg French, Vice President and Project Manager at Pumpkin Hollow, “but we also expect that positive relationship to carry forward into the future phases of the project. We believe a collaborative relationship with the City and County will be extremely helpful as we move forward to development stages of the project.”

Advanced Exploration will allow Nevada Copper to conduct more cost effective drilling from underground drill stations and to better understand the geological, geotechnical, geochemical, hydrological and metallurgical characteristics of the resource zones. It will also help to accelerate development of mining once project construction begins.

Presently, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is in the final stages of technical review for the decline. Nevada Copper expects to receive those permits by the first quarter of 2011.

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