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KEY PERMIT SECURED FOR CERTEJ PROJECT

16 March 2010 – European Goldfields Limited (TSX / AIM: EGU) (“European Goldfields” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce a significant step forward in the permitting of the Certej gold-silver project (“Certej”) in Romania.

The last remaining approval required for the grant of the Zonal Urbanisation Plan (“**PUZ**”) relating to Certej has been issued by the Regional Department for Environmental Protection, Timisoara. Formal public notice of this approval has been issued today in Romania and, at the next meeting of the Certej council which is expected within the next week, the full PUZ permit will be granted.

The grant of the PUZ will be a milestone which takes European Goldfields one step closer to production. Certej contains 2.4 million reserve ounces of gold, plus 17.3 million reserve ounces of silver, and lies in an area which was a major gold producer historically and retains considerable future potential. The Company is already well advanced in the next and final substantive part of the permitting process for Certej, being the approval of the full Environmental Impact Study.

The Company is grateful for the excellent and continued cooperation it has enjoyed with national, regional and local authorities and will continue to demonstrate its commitment to both the letter and principles of Romanian and European Union requirements.

Commenting on this latest advance of Certej Martyn Konig, Executive Chairman and President of European Goldfields said: “Our patience has been rewarded with a unique achievement in the development of a gold project in Romania. This is a landmark event. We appreciate that the Romanian authorities have recognised both our competence and our productive collaboration throughout this process. This high standard of performance and delivery continues as we complete the final stage of the permitting process.”

Certej Project Summary

The Certej project is an epithermal gold/silver deposit located in the “Golden Quadrilateral” area of the Apuseni Mountains of Transylvania in Western Romania, a highly prospective region which has historically produced upwards of 30 million ounces of gold. The Certej deposit lies within a brownfield site with excellent existing infrastructure and a history of production which dates back 300 years; the open pit and plant were worked as recently as 2006. The Certej orebody comprises four distinct ore zones, amenable to extraction by 2 adjacent open pits that are well defined by extensive drilling.

The Certej deposit has a calculated NI 43-101 compliant mineable reserve of 32.8 million tonnes of ore grading 2.0 g/t gold and 11.4 g/t silver, representing 2.1 million ounces gold and 12.0 million ounces silver. A further 14.1 million tonnes of ore from lower grade material and existing dumps will contribute an additional 290,000 ounces of gold and 8.8 million ounces of silver in the latter years of the mine. Reserves will be extracted using a conventional open pit method with a strip ratio of 3.1:1. The project will involve the processing of 3 million tonnes of ore per annum over an open pit life of 11.5 years with an overall mine life of 16 years. The ore will be processed using flotation to produce a pyrite gold concentrate and then ultrafine grinding and ambient pressure oxidation using the Albion Process developed by Xstrata to produce gold and silver doré on site. Average annual production is expected to be 155,000 ounces of gold and 820,000 ounces of silver during the life of the open pit after which the plant will be fed by lower-grade material, stockpile and dumps. The project will involve an anticipated project capex of approximately \$190 million which includes pre-stripping in year 1.

The Technical Study, required to obtain the relevant construction permits, is currently underway with completion anticipated in Q2 2010, ready for submission on approval of the Environmental Impact Study. The

project upside includes numerous drill ready targets both near mine and within the wider licence area. Further long term exploration potential exists within the Certej-Brad Belt.

About European Goldfields

European Goldfields is a developer-producer with globally significant gold reserves located within the European Union. The Company generates cash flow from its 95% owned Stratonis operation, a high grade lead/zinc/silver mine in North-Eastern Greece and the sale of gold concentrates from Olympias. European Goldfields will evolve into a mid tier producer through responsible development of its project pipeline of gold and base metal deposits at Skouries and Olympias in Greece and Certej in Romania. The Company plans future growth through development of its highly prospective exploration portfolio in Greece, Romania and Turkey.

For further information please see the Company's new website at www.egoldfields.com

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Resources & reserves parameters

For additional information on the resource and reserve estimates quoted in this news release, please refer to the Company's Resources & Reserves Declaration at www.egoldfields.com/egoldfields/en/operations/projects/state Patrick Forward, General Manager, Exploration of the Company, was the Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101 responsible for reviewing the disclosure of resource and reserve estimates quoted in this news release.

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