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NEWS RELEASE

TOREADOR RESOURCES BEGINS DRILLING LA GARENNE WELL

Paris, France – (November 16, 2009) – Toreador Resources Corporation (NASDAQ: TRGL) today announced that on November 12, 2009 it successfully commenced drilling the La Garenne LGA-1D conventional exploration well, which is located on the 100% owned Rigny le Ferron permit in the Paris Basin in France. The MR7500 rig, contracted through Compagnie Forage Cofor S.A.S., will drill to a total depth of approximately 1,550 meters MD (5,085 feet MD); total drilling time will be approximately 20 days. The geologic targets of the well are two reservoirs within the middle Jurassic Dogger formation. Current operations on the rig include preparations to drill out of the 9-5/8" casing set at 268 meters MD (879 feet MD).

ABOUT TOREADOR

Toreador Resources Corporation is an independent international energy company engaged in the acquisition, development, exploration and production of crude oil. The company holds interests in developed and undeveloped oil properties in France. More information about Toreador may be found at the Company's web site, www.toreador.net.

Forward Looking Statements

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this news release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Toreador intends that all such statements be subject to the "safe-harbor" provisions of those Acts. Many important risks, factors and conditions may cause Toreador's actual results to differ materially from those discussed in any such forward-looking statement. These risks include, but are not limited to, estimates of reserves, estimates of production, future commodity prices, exchange rates, interest rates, geological and political risks, drilling risks, product demand, transportation restrictions, actual recoveries of insurance proceeds, the ability of Toreador to obtain additional capital, and other risks and uncertainties described in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The historical results achieved by Toreador are not necessarily indicative of its future prospects. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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