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**PRESS RELEASE**

**WESDOME ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF FLOW-THROUGH SHARES FOR GROSS PROCEEDS OF \$1,725,000**

**Toronto, Ontario – December 22, 2008** – Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd. (“Wesdome”) is pleased to announce the closing on December 22, 2008 of a non-brokered private placement (the “Offering”) of 1,500,000 common shares issued on a flow-through basis pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (each a “Flow-Through Share”) at a price of \$1.15 per Flow-Through Share. The proceeds of the Offering will be used on the development of the new Dubuisson Zone discovery in Val d’Or, Québec. Wesdome paid a cash finder’s fee of \$0.02 per Flow-Through Share to certain persons in connection with the Offering.

The Flow-Through Shares are subject to resale restrictions for a period of four months and one day from the date of issuance and the Offering remains subject to the final approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd. is an established Canadian gold producer with mining operations and development projects in Wawa, Ontario and Val d’Or, Québec. It has 99.8 million shares issued and outstanding and trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “WDO”.

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