



## PRESS RELEASE

### WESDOME ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF HEMDAT SAWH TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Toronto, Ontario – January 19, 2009** – Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd. (“**Wesdome**”) is pleased to announce that effective January 15, 2009 Mr. Hemdat Sawh has been appointed to its Board of Directors and Audit Committee. Mr. Sawh is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Crystallex International Corporation, a mining company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Mr. Sawh is a Chartered Accountant, and holds an MBA degree in Accounting from York University, a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Concordia University and a Graduate Diploma in Geology from McGill University. Mr. Sawh has over 16 years of accounting and auditing experience at Grant Thornton LLP, culminating in the position of Principal, where he acted as lead supervisor for auditing teams of businesses with a concentration in publicly-listed mining companies. Mr. Sawh also served as CFO for Goldbelt Resources Ltd for up to two years prior to joining Crystallex.

Mr. Sawh replaces Mr. Paolo Santin, who has resigned from Wesdome’s Board of Directors and Audit Committee due to an increase in work related commitments.

"Mr. Sawh will be a valued addition to our Board of Directors," said Mr. Rolly Uloth, Wesdome’s Chief Executive Officer. "His strong accounting background and extensive experience in the mining industry will be beneficial to us". Mr. Uloth also commented, "I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Santin for his contribution to the success of Wesdome".

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 99.68 million shares issued and outstanding and trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “WDO”.

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