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ORVANA APPOINTS JAMES GILBERT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TORONTO August 21, 2009:- Orvana Minerals Corp. (TSX:ORV) announced today the appointment of Mr. James Gilbert to the Board of Directors. Mr. Gilbert succeeds Mr. James Komadina, who has resigned from the Orvana Board.

Mr. Gilbert is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Minera S.A. Prior to joining Minera S.A. in August, 2009, Mr. Gilbert was Chief Investment Officer for Gerald Metals Inc., a private investment firm. Before joining Gerald Metals, Mr. Gilbert was the Director of Natural Resources Investment Banking for Rothschild Inc. in Washington DC and a Director of Corporate Finance at Coopers & Lybrand in New York. Mr. Gilbert holds an MBA from The Wharton School and a Bachelor of Art from Bucknell University.

"We are very pleased to welcome James Gilbert to our Board. The breadth of his financial and resource-based experience will be an asset to Orvana," said Kent Jespersen, Chair of Orvana. "On behalf of management and the Board, I would like to thank James Komadina for his contribution to Orvana.

About Orvana

Orvana is a well-established mine operator with an experienced management team that has collectively brought a number of underground mines into production. Orvana had cash of approximately US \$98.0 million (C\$107.3 million) as at June 30, 2009.

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