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## ASX Release

### Posse Iron Project Receives Final Mining Permit

Site preparations ahead of the start of iron ore mining at Crusader Resources Ltd's Posse iron project in Brazil are due to start in January after the company received its final approval for the project this week.

A trial mining permit was received from the Brazilian Mines department (DNPM- Departamento Nacional de Produção Mineral) removing the final regulatory hurdle to allow construction and mining on site.

Preparations for mining are well advanced with the selection of mining and treatment contractors almost complete.

Crusader envisages ground work will start during January ahead of the first iron ore mining operations in April 2010.

The first phase of iron ore production is expected to cost less than \$A1 million and process 300,000 tonnes of material a year.

Crusader managing director Rob Smakman said, "Passing the final post in a regulatory sense means Crusader will soon be able to start selling Posse iron ore to local pig iron smelters to generate its first cashflow stream."

"Generating cashflow will assist the company advancing its other gold, uranium and base metals projects and, ultimately, towards fulfilling our objective of becoming a multi-commodity mining company."

"All the work we have done to date suggests a simple, inexpensive trial mining operation which will also enable Crusader to more carefully evaluate the expanded second stage."

The first stage of the Posse iron project involves the processing of 300,000 tonnes per annum to produce a lump ore product for sale with fines and lower grade ore stockpiled for treatment in Stage 2.

The project has significant upside should iron ore demand continue to strengthen.

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### About Crusader

Crusader Resources Ltd (ASX:CAS) is a minerals exploration company focussed on projects in Brazil and Australia. The company has a diverse portfolio of projects including iron ore, tin, gold, tungsten and uranium. Crusader applies leading edge exploration skills to the discovery of new assets and continues to utilise its strong networks in Brazil, Australia and around the world to identify new opportunities.

The company's development project is the Posse Iron project located in the Iron Quadrilateral of Minas Gerais state, Brazil. It is located 30km from the regional capital and iron ore mining centre of Belo Horizonte.

Crusader has recently updated the resource inventory at Posse to an Indicated Mineral Resource of 4.83Mt at 47.39% Fe and Inferred Mineral Resource of 31.18Mt at 42.89% Fe (Refer to announcement made 11 May 2009 <http://www.asx.com.au/asxpdf/20090511/pdf/31hjb3wk8cvk3n.pdf>).

A positive Scoping Study by International consultants Coffey Mining has encouraged Crusader to continue pursuing this project towards production. Licensing, off-take agreements and further technical work are all being vigorously pursued.

Crusader also has an extensive portfolio of Au, Sn, In and W projects within Brazil.

In Australia, Crusader has a portfolio of projects prospective for palaeochannel uranium and Archaean gold and nickel.

The Lake Throssell Uranium project is 100% CAS owned, extensive (over 2,500km<sup>2</sup>) and highly prospective project, located 200km to the north east of Laverton in Western Australia. Crusader will initiate exploration in 2009 targeting uranium mineralisation in the extensive paleodrainage within the area.

Crusader Resources Ltd has 52,557,152 ordinary shares on issue.