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NEWS RELEASE

Centerra Gold Reports Kumtor Southwest Zone Mining License Granted by Kyrgyz Republic

Toronto, Canada, February 3, 2006: Centerra Gold Inc. (TSX: CG) today announced that this week it received a mining license and now has all necessary permits for the development of the Southwest Zone, located 3 km from the Kumtor mill. On January 23, 2006 Centerra announced that the Southwest Zone probable reserves are estimated at 2.8 million tonnes at 3.2 g/t gold for 283,000 ounces of contained gold. The Southwest Zone reserves are included in the updated Kumtor life of mine plan available at Centerra's website at www.centerragold.com.

"The mining which has now begun at the Southwest Zone will contribute to Kumtor's 2006 production" said George Burns, Centerra's chief operating officer.

About Centerra

Centerra is a growth-oriented, pure-play gold company focused on acquiring, exploring, developing and operating gold properties primarily in Central Asia, the former Soviet Union and other emerging markets. The two gold mines operated by Centerra are expected to produce 729,000 ounces in 2006 at a total cash cost of about \$294 per ounce. This ranks Centerra as a leading North American gold producer and the largest Western-based gold producer in Central Asia and the former Soviet Union. Centerra's shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) under the symbol CG. Centerra is based in Toronto, Canada.

Statements contained in this news release, which are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results, performance, prospects and opportunities to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things: volatility and sensitivity to market prices for gold; replacement of reserves; procurement of required capital equipment and operating parts and supplies; equipment failure; unexpected geological or hydrological conditions; political risks arising from operating in certain developing countries; imprecision in reserve estimates; success of future exploration and development initiatives; competition; operating performance of the facilities; environmental and safety risks including increased regulatory burdens; seismic activity, weather and other natural phenomena; failure to obtain necessary permits and approvals from government authorities; changes in government regulations and policies including tax and trade laws and policies; ability to maintain and further improve positive labour relations; and other development and operating risks.

Although Centerra believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on these statements, which only apply as of the date of this report. Centerra disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Qualified Person

The reserve estimates in this press release were prepared under the supervision of Robert S. Chapman, P. Geo., Centerra's Director, Mergers & Acquisitions, who is the Qualified Person for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101.

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