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**News Release**

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## **Tumi Abandons the Cinco Minas Project, Jalisco, Mexico**

**Vancouver, Canada – Tumi Resources Limited (TSXv-TM; OCTBB-TUMIF; Frankfurt-TUY) (the “Company”).** After a thorough technical evaluation, including three separate drill programs and a comprehensive economic review of the Cinco Minas property, the Company has decided to withdraw from the option agreement with Minera San Jorge S.A. de C.V. As stated repeatedly, the Company’s management is focused on enhancing shareholder value by identifying silver-gold projects of high merit with significant mine potential and it has been determined that the Cinco Minas property does not meet the Company’s criteria.

Although a resource was established for Cinco Minas, the results of a scoping study previously undertaken by Behre Dolbear (see press release dated June 4, 2004) indicated a very high strip ratio for an open pit mining operation, such indication having been confirmed by in-house studies performed by the Company’s technical consultants. Additionally, a review of an underground high-grade mining option gave resource numbers too low to be of interest to the Company, particularly when having to deal with a large number of historic open stopes. In summary, a combination of a very high strip ratio for an open pit, underground open stopes, and an option to earn only a 60% interest with high underlying holdings costs, make the Cinco Minas property unattractive to the Company from an economic prospective. To meet the Company’s exploration goals, a project must also be able to reach “advanced project status” quickly and cost effectively. Neither the open pit nor the underground options meet the standard for operational size and economic potential.

The Company, however, is pleased that it can now concentrate its efforts on the La Trini silver-gold project, located within the Hostotipaquillo mining district, underlain by the Tertiary Sierra Madre Occidental volcanic province and younger intrusive rocks. The La Trini silver-gold project is currently evaluated as an open-pit mining target.

The Company remains focused on silver and gold exploration in Mexico and will move ahead with current exploration activities while it also aggressively identifies and evaluates additional exploration projects of high merit that meet the Company’s corporate and technical objectives.

On behalf of the Board,

**“David Henstridge”**

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