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Hot Commissioning to Start at Lefa

LONDON, United Kingdom: December 13, 2006 - Crew Gold Corporation ("Crew" or the "Company") (TSE & OSE: CRU; Frankfurt: KNC; OTC-BB- other: CRUGF.PK).

Crew Gold Corporation is pleased to announce that the construction of the Lefa Corridor Gold Project CIP plant is substantially complete and that the Commissioning schedule has commenced. Commissioning commenced with the crusher at the Fayalala Plant and to date approximately 40,000 tonnes of ore has been crushed and stacked on the emergency stockpile in preparation for feeding to the processing plant. The first train of grinding mills in the processing plant are now being prepared to receive crushed ore. Crew expects that commissioning and testing is to be complete within approximately 30 days and that production ramp up will continue through to the end of the first quarter in 2007, at which time, targeted production levels will be achieved.

The Lefa Gold Corridor Project is making the progression from a relatively small heap leach facility into an upgraded and expanded operation with a modern mining fleet, CIP processing plant and the targeted production of approximately 350,000 ounces of gold per year.

This announcement completes the construction phase of the upgrade and expansion project which was completed in less than 18 months. The Corporation would like to thank the contractors, suppliers and staff who were instrumental in bringing the construction phase of this project to completion.

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President & CEO

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