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MIDLANDS MINERALS APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER

TORONTO CANADA: Monday, August 17th, 2009: Midlands Minerals Corporation (“Midlands” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Darryl Levitt to the Board of Directors of Midlands Minerals Corporation with immediate effect.

Mr. Levitt is qualified to practise law in both South Africa and Ontario, and is of Counsel with MacLeod Dixon LLP, one of the leading law firms specializing in mining law. Mr Levitt, whose experience includes significant financings, mergers, and acquisitions in the mining sector, is recognized as one of the top 34 mining law practitioners in Canada. He has participated in, acted for and advised on major landmark transactions in addition to publishing in prestigious mining journals and magazines.

Darryl Levitt holds an LLB as well as a B.Comm. in finance and economics. He is a member of a number of professional organizations including the Law Society of Upper Canada, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Canadian Bar Association, Ontario Bar Association, Law Society of the Northern Province (Non-Practising Roll).

“We are very pleased with the addition of Darryl Levitt to the Board of Midlands. Darryl brings a broad international perspective, and extensive African experience, as well as substantial mining experience covering not only securities law but also corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions. He is a great addition to the Midlands team and we all look forward to working with him to grow the Company and add value for the shareholders,” said Kim Harris, President and Chief Executive Officer.

ABOUT MIDLANDS MINERALS

Midlands is a growth oriented and value based gold exploration company operating in Ghana and Tanzania, two stable countries with a history of gold mining. Midlands’ top priority project is the fully permitted Sian gold project in Ghana. The Sian property contains Esaase and Ampeha, two previously producing open pit mines with a resource with significant growth potential. Midlands’ contiguous Kwahu Praso project, which was once part of Sian, contains extensions of the Esaase and Ampeha trends. Sian and Praso are just 30 kilometres northeast of Newmont Mining’s +8.7 million ounce Akyem gold deposit. Midlands also holds highly prospective licences for gold and diamonds in the Lake Victoria Goldfields in Tanzania.

The Company has a highly qualified management and technical team with broad African experience and extensive experience in the countries in which the Company operates. For more information on the Company, please visit Midlands’ website at www.midlandsminerals.com.

On behalf of the Board

Kim Harris
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The Company adds a cautionary statement to the effect that the potential quantity and grades referred to in this press release are conceptual in nature. There has been sufficient exploration to evaluate a mineral resource. However, the Company is uncertain if further exploration will result in a mineral reserve. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made. Readers are also advised to consider such forward-looking statements while considering the risks inherent in the business of mineral exploration. For more information, investors should review the Company's filings that are available at www.sedar.com.