



Taia Lion Resources Appoints SVP Exploration to Direct Work in Sierra Leone

NEW YORK, NY--(Marketwire - Jul 11, 2011) - **Taia Lion Resources ("Taia," "TLR" or the "Company")** is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Gavin Cooper to the position of Senior Vice President Exploration. The appointment is a major milestone for Taia in the development of its Sierra Leone interests and is key to strengthening its executive team as the Company prepares for a more advanced exploration program.

As SVP Exploration, Mr. Cooper will steer the Company's geological work relating to the development of the Lake Sonfon and the Gori Hills/Sandaru gold concessions in Sierra Leone as well as other potential interests of TLR.

Mr. Cooper, a geologist, has over 25 years' experience in the mining industry in project management and development pertaining to exploration. He has worked on metals and diamond operations throughout Africa in such countries as South Africa, Mali, Guinea, Rwanda, Nigeria, Namibia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone. His expertise includes senior level geological positions, primarily in the gold and diamond sectors. He has been integral in the technical and financial planning, strategic planning and ongoing mine management for many successful projects, having worked in various capacities on AngloGold Ashanti's Siguiru mine in Guinea and their highly productive Sadiola and Yatela mines in western Mali. Mr. Cooper also worked for the world's leading marine diamond exploration and mining company De Beers Marine. Most recently, Mr. Cooper was Africa Manager at CGA Mining, where he was responsible for advancing their three principle African projects, including an advanced copper project in Zambia, an advanced gold project in Nigeria and a green fields program in Ghana.

Ari Untracht, President & CEO of Taia Lion Resources, comments on the appointment: "Gavin's extensive experience in managing and

coordinating mid and large-scale projects in Africa is an asset to Taia and the development of our exploration program. Gavin possesses a rare combination of functional expertise and cultural competence that brilliantly complements the Company's approach to business relationships in Sierra Leone. As he takes leadership in assessing the potential of the Company's holdings, Gavin's experience in mine management will be crucial to achieving our goal of creating value for both international investors and the local community alike."

Gavin Cooper, Taia's newly appointed SVP Exploration, comments, "Taia has exciting gold resource potential and has acquired significant holdings in some of Sierra Leone's traditional gold bearing regions. To be able to take these properties (and future acquisitions) through to advanced projects using modern exploration and resource development techniques will be exciting. Having good geological potential in a rapidly stabilising country, coupled with significant experience and infrastructure on the ground, and a real commitment to CSR/development is a model that differentiates TLR from other exploration or mining models."

About Taia Lion Resources

Taia Lion Resources (TLR) Inc. is an Alberta, Canada registered company established to identify, acquire, explore and develop precious metal and mineral deposits in Sierra Leone, West Africa. The primary mission of TLR is to achieve the highest sustainable profits and shareholder value through the implementation of a sustainable and commercially viable mining model that promotes long-term economic growth for both company and community alike. TLR is currently focused on quantifying its gold properties (in Lake Sonfon and Gori Hills/Sandaru), and plans to expand and pursue the exploration of other natural resources in due course. TLR is committed to conducting partnered and empowered operations in a sustainable manner, whilst demonstrating the highest tangible efforts toward social and economic development.