



Press Release – 17th July 2008

LONDON, United Kingdom: Crew Gold Corporation ("Crew" or "the Company") (TSX: CRU) (OSE: CRU) (Frankfurt: KNC) (OTC-BB-Other; CRUGF.PK) today announced:-

Issuance of Shares

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Reference is made to Crew's press-releases of June 17, 2008 regarding the satisfaction of all conditions for Crew's private placement of 49,932,900 new common shares (the "New Shares").

Crew has now issued the New Shares to Arctic Securities ASA for redelivery to Umoe Invest AS under the stock-lending agreement entered into between Arctic Securities ASA and Umoe Invest AS. The New Shares may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident for a period of 4 months and 1 day from July 9, 2008. As a consequence, the New Shares will not be registered for trading until the end of such hold period. After the lapse of the 4 months and 1 day period and publication of a prospectus for listing of the New Shares on the Oslo Stock Exchange, the New Shares will be registered in the Norwegian Centralized Securities register (VPS) and with the Canadian Depository for Securities Limited and will be admitted to trading on the Oslo Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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Certain statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact, may constitute forward-looking statements and are made pursuant to applicable and relevant national legislation (including the Safe-Harbour provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) in countries where Crew is conducting business and/or investor relations. Forward-looking statements, include, but are not limited to those with respect to (1) the price of gold, (2) the estimation of mineral reserves and resources, (3) the realization of mineral reserves estimates, (4) the timing and amount of estimated future success of exploration activities, (5) the timing and amount of production estimates, (6) targeted production cash costs and forecasted cash reserves, (7) Crews hedging practices, (8) currency fluctuations, (9) requirements for additional capital, (10) government regulation of mining operations, (11) environmental risk, (12) title disputes or claims limitations on insurance coverage and (13) the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as plans, expects, does not expect, is expected, targets, budget, estimates, forecasts, intends, anticipates or does not anticipate, or believes, or equivalents or variation, including negative variation, of such words and phrases, or state that certain actions, events or results, may, could, would, might or will be taken, occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results of the Company to be materially different from the historical results or from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, (1) the actual results of current exploration activities, conclusions of economic evaluations, (2) changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, (3) possible variations in grade

and ore densities or recovery rates, (4) failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, (5) accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry, (6) delays in obtaining government approvals or financing or in completion of development or construction activities. Although Crew has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or cause actions events or results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended, there can be no assurance that forward looking statements will prove to be accurate as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

The material factors and assumptions used to develop forward-looking statements which may be incorrect, include, but are not limited to, (1) there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether due to labour disruptions, supply disruptions, damage to equipment or otherwise, (2) continued development, operation and production at LEFA, Nalunaq and Maco consistent with our current expectations, (3) foreign exchange rates among the currencies the Crew does business in being approximately consistent with current levels, (4) certain price assumptions for gold, (5) prices for electricity, fuel oil and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels, (6) production forecasts meeting expectations, (7) the accuracy of our current mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates, and (8) materials and labour costs increasing on a basis consistent with Crews expectations.

Except as may be required by applicable law or stock exchange regulation, the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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