



Benefits Flow to Tonga for Exploration on Nautilus Tenements

January 27, 2009 – Nautilus Minerals Inc. (TSX & AIM: NUS), Nautilus presented a payment of TOP722,000 to the Minister of Finance as remittance for withholding tax incurred by Nautilus as a result of its exploration activities in Tonga in 2008. TCK Tonga Ltd, a Tongan company owned by Teck Cominco Ltd., an exploration partner of Nautilus, has made a similar tax payment of TOP520,000 for a combined TOP1.24 million in tax benefits for exploration work conducted over Nautilus' offshore areas in 2008.

Nautilus has been granted mineral prospecting licenses to explore for minerals offshore within Tongan waters from the Minister of Lands, Survey, Natural Resources and Environment. Under these licenses Nautilus and its exploration partner have undertaken low environmental impact geochemical and geophysical surveys and sampling of the seafloor using remote operating vehicles. For more details on the results of these programs, please see <http://www.nautilusminerals.com/s/Media-NewsReleases.asp?ReportID=338585>



Nautilus Tonga Manager Paul Taumoepeau with the Minister of Finance Hon. Afu'alo Matoto. (picture courtesy of matangitonga.to)