CARLIN GOLD CORPORATION

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NEWS RELEASE

STOCK OPTION ISSUANCES ANNOUNCED

Surrey, B.C. – Carlin Gold Corporation (TSX Venture - CGD) ("Carlin" or the "Company") announces the issuance of 1,425,000 stock options to purchase 1,425,000 shares of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.10 cents per share, expiring December 7, 2015. The stock options are being issued to directors, officers and consultants of the Company and are subject to approval by regulatory authorities.

About Carlin

Carlin is a junior resource company focused on gold exploration. The Company currently controls three resource properties in Nevada and just acquired a 50% interest in 1,500 claims in the Mayo Mining District in the Yukon Territory, Canada.

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