

COPPER MESA MINING CORPORATION
TSX: CUX

For Immediate Release

Ascendant Copper Corporation announces Name Change

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 11, 2008 – Ascendant Copper Corporation (“Ascendant” or the “Company”) (TSX:ACX) is pleased to announce that, at the Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2008, shareholders approved the renaming of the Company to *Copper Mesa Mining Corporation* (“*Copper Mesa*”).

“With the recent acquisition of two near-term producing copper projects in the southwestern United States, we believe the name *Copper Mesa* better reflects the Company’s current focus and acquisition policy,” said Gary E. Davis, President and CEO.

Effective July 11, 2008, *Copper Mesa* will be trading under the new ticker symbol “CUX” on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

About Copper Mesa Mining Corporation

Copper Mesa Mining Corporation is a mineral exploration and development company focused on advancing a portfolio of copper exploration projects with a primary emphasis on the development of its near-term producing copper properties in the Americas. The Company intends to continue to expand its existing resource base in the Americas through acquisition of additional properties of merit.

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