NEWS RELEASE

CIC ENERGY PROVIDES UPDATE ON STATUS OF PROSPECTING LICENCES

Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (March 31, 2011) – CIC Energy Corp. ("CIC Energy" or the “Company”) (TSX:ELC, BSE:CIC Energy) announces that it has received from the Government of Botswana a renewal of prospecting licence 11/2004 (which, together with retention licence 2009/1R makes up the area known as “Mmamabula East”) for a period of two years beginning on April 1, 2011, but the Company has also been advised by the Government of Botswana that the Company’s application for a renewal of prospecting licence 75/2002 (which makes up the area known as “Mmamabula South”) has not been approved.

As Mmamabula South has already been renewed twice, under the terms of the Botswana Mines and Minerals Act, a third renewal thereof is discretionary, and the Company has requested the Government of Botswana to reconsider its decision in relation thereto.

As set out more fully in the Company’s press release of August 14, 2009 entitled “CIC Energy Revises Mineral Resource Estimates for the Mmamabula Coal Field”, the mineral resource estimate for Mmamabula South was 311 million tonnes in the measured and indicated categories. The mineral resource estimate for Mmamabula East remains at approximately 2.3 billion tonnes in the measured category, as more fully detailed in the above referenced press release.

“Although we are obviously disappointed not to have received the renewal of Mmamabula South, our geological analyses and mine plan studies have indicated that mining the resources in Mmamabula South would have been more difficult than will be the case for Mmamabula East, so we believe that the loss of Mmamabula South will not have a material impact on the Company’s mining plans,” said Warren Newfield, CEO of CIC Energy.

The obligation of JSW Energy Limited (“JSW”) to complete the proposed acquisition of the Company is subject to (among other things) the Company having obtained a renewal without any relinquishment of each of prospecting licence 11/2004 and prospecting licence 75/2002. The Company is discussing this development with JSW. If JSW does not waive this condition precedent in relation to prospecting licence 75/2002, then JSW will be entitled not to proceed with the proposed acquisition of the Company.
The mineral resource estimates referred to in this news release were prepared by Ms. Lesley Jeffrey, who was an employee of CIC Energy at the time of issue of the press release of August 14, 2009 and a “Qualified Person” as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI 43-101”).


About CIC Energy Corp.

CIC Energy Corp. is engaged in the advancement of the Mmamabula Energy Complex at the Mmamabula Coal Field in Botswana, Africa. This planned Complex consists of one or more Power Projects, an Export Coal Project and a potential Coal-to-Hydrocarbons Project.

CIC Energy has a treasury of approximately CDN$18 million and has 52,573,969 shares outstanding and 70,140,417 shares fully diluted including 13,061,448 warrants which have not vested. CIC Energy is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX:ELC) and the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE:CIC Energy).

For additional information on CIC Energy and its projects visit the Company’s website at www.cicenergy.com or contact:

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Forward-Looking Information

This news release contains certain “forward-looking information”. All statements, other than statements of historical fact that address activities, events or developments that CIC Energy believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward looking information. Such forward looking information reflects the current expectations or beliefs of CIC Energy based on information currently available to CIC Energy. Such forward-looking information includes, among other things, statements regarding prospecting licence 11/2004, estimates and/or assumptions in respect of mineral resources, the Company’s mining plans and the proposed acquisition of the Company by JSW. Forward-looking information is subject to significant risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those discussed in forward-looking information, and even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, CIC Energy or its shareholders. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to, JSW failing to waive the condition precedent related to CIC Energy
obtaining a renewal of prospecting licence 75/2002, alternative transactions involving third parties which may result in the termination of the Company’s agreement with JSW and/or the terms of such agreement being changed, the failure of CIC Energy and/or JSW to satisfy the other conditions precedent to the completion of the acquisition (including, but not limited to, the failure by CIC Energy to satisfy the condition precedent relating to the alleged dispute with GCL Botswana, the failure to obtain any required governmental assurances and/or regulatory approvals, the occurrence of a material adverse change respecting the Company and/or the failure of CIC Energy to amend and/or terminate certain contracts within the requisite time), the grade, quality and recovery of coal which is mined varying from estimates and other factors. Forward-looking information speaks only as of the date on which it is made and, except as may be required by applicable securities laws, CIC Energy disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. Although CIC Energy believes that the assumptions inherent in forward-looking information (including, without limitation, that the conditions to completing the acquisition will be satisfied or waived within the times required) are reasonable, forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and accordingly, undue reliance should not be put on such information due to the inherent uncertainty therein.

The mineral resource figures disclosed in this news release are estimates and no assurances can be given that the indicated levels of coal will be produced. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. While the Company believes that the resource estimates disclosed in this news release are well established, by their nature resource estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. If such estimates are inaccurate or are reduced in the future, this could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that mineral resources can be upgraded to mineral reserves through continued exploration.