



Nautilus Minerals Supports the Study of Science in the Pacific

November 26, 2009 - **Nautilus Minerals Inc. (TSX & AIM: NUS)** (the "Company" or "Nautilus") is furthering the study of science in Tonga by continuing its sponsorship of the University of Canterbury's EcoCare Pacific Trust National High School Science Competition. The National High School Science Competition is an annual event that aims to encourage high school students and their teachers to participate in the sciences, and encourage further study at a tertiary level. Over thirty science projects were entered by high schools in Tongatapu in 2009. The winning entries thematically explore the effect of light intensity.

Maketalena Male and Tatafu Tatila from Tonga High School and Lupi Tukia from the Queen Salote College each received TOP500 from Nautilus Minerals for their science projects.

The winning schools also receive dissecting microscopes, science books and dictionaries (donated by the EcoCare Pacific Trust). The new science equipment will be shared between the winning schools.

A further TOP8,500 provided by Nautilus Minerals, will be put towards freight of the science equipment from New Zealand and recognising achievement by the schools' science teachers. Each student's science teacher will receive TOP200 for his/her contribution to furthering the study of science in Tonga. In total, Nautilus Minerals donated TOP10,000 to the competition.

The awards were formally presented to the three winners by the Minister of Education, Dr. Viliami Palefau, at a ceremony at the Tonga High School on November 26.

The EcoCare Pacific Trust is a non-profit organisation set up by the University of Canterbury alumni to address health, education and environmental issues in the Pacific Region.