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**KARMIN EXPLORATION INCREASES STAKE IN BRAZILIAN ZINC PROPERTY**

Toronto, May 31 -- Karmin Exploration Inc. announced today that it has agreed to acquire the balance of Thistle Mining Inc.'s 10% shareholdings of Mineraçao Rio Aripuana Ltda. (MRA) in consideration for 1,500,000 common shares priced at \$1.00 per share. Prior to the acquisition Karmin, through its subsidiary, held 85% of the shares of MRA and as a result of the armslength agreement with Thistle Mining Inc. will now hold 95% of MRA.

Karmin also announced the appointment of Matt Manson, PhD FGAC, to the Board of Directors. Mr. Manson was the Senior Geologist of Karmin from 1996 to 1997; Consulting Geologist with Inco Ltd., Aber Resources Ltd. and Boliden Ltd. from 1997 through to October 1999; and is currently Director of Marketing for Aber Resources Ltd.

Recently, Karmin's joint-venture partner Anglo American Brazil Ltda increased expenditures to Cdn\$1.3 million on the first phase of exploration on the Aripuana property in the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil. Anglo has agreed to spend a minimum of Cdn\$4.75 million on exploration by June 30, 2003. Eight holes totaling 2,000 meters of diamond drilling are planned and results should be available in late summer or early fall.

MRA, Karmin's principal asset, is active in base and precious mining exploration in Brazil. The common shares of Karmin are quoted on the Canadian Dealing Network (CDN) under the symbol "KARM". Subsequent to the acquisition, there are 28,034,902 common shares and 600,000 warrants of Karmin outstanding.

Updates can be found on the Company's website: [www.karmin.com](http://www.karmin.com)

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