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Amerigo Reports Senior Management Changes

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – December 17, 2010/CNW/ - Amerigo Resources Ltd. (TSX: ARG, "Amerigo" or the "Company") today announced that Robert Gayton, PhD., FCA has been appointed as chairman of the Company. Mr. Gayton is a long-time director of Amerigo and a number of other prominent resource companies. He replaces Steven Dean who has been chairman of the Company since 2003. The Company is also pleased to announce that Dr. Klaus Zeitler has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Company to serve in addition to his role as President. Dr. Zeitler financed, built and managed base metal and gold mines worldwide (Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Pacific) with a total investment value in excess of \$4 billion.

Mr. Dean no longer serves on the Company's senior management team, but remains a director of the Company.

Amerigo Resources Ltd. produces copper and molybdenum under a long term partnership with the world's largest copper producer, Codelco, by means of processing fresh and old tailings from the world's largest underground copper mine, El Teniente near Santiago, Chile. Tel: (604) 681-2802; Fax: (604) 682-2802; Web: www.amerigoresources.com; Listing: ARG:TSX

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