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## PRESS RELEASE

### COLLABORATIVE VISIT TO COLORADO

The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the United States, H.E. Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat will be visiting Denver, Colorado, from February 21 to February 23, 2007. During his visit the Ambassador will meet with Colorado State officials including Governor Bill Ritter, members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation, and with the Indonesian community who live in Denver and the surrounding areas. Newmont Mining Corporation will facilitate events with the Colorado business community. The University of Denver will also be holding a reception for the Ambassador where he will speak to the faculty and students on the strengthening of the Indonesia-United States relationship.

This visit, as in Ambassador's visits to other US States, will allow the Ambassador to provide a glimpse into the reforms that are taking place in the renewed democratic Indonesia and will underscore how President Yudhoyono, Indonesia's first directly elected President, is focused on moving forward with those reforms. Indonesia, with a population of over 234 million and a reported GDP growth of almost 6% in 2006, endeavors to convey the positive changes that are taking place, and highlight the opportunity for U.S. businesses in Indonesia. Some indicators of the changing Indonesia are shown, inter alia, in the peaceful transformation in Aceh, a former conflict area, where a former separatist leader was elected governor and vice governor of the province; and in the peaceful elections held in Papua and West Irian Jaya Provinces, where the people are beginning to benefit from the 2001 Special Autonomy Law enacted for Indonesia's West Papua region. The visit will also shed picture of the role of the new Indonesia in the region and in the international structure.

During the Ambassador's visit he will be accompanied by Ms. Patsy Spier. Ms. Spier, a resident of Centennial, Colorado, is one of the eleven survivors of an ambush that took place in Papua, Indonesia, on August 31, 2002. Ms. Spier's husband Rick (also a Colorado native) and two of her teaching colleagues were killed in that ambush. The cooperation that took place between Indonesia and the United States in the pursuit and apprehension of many of those responsible, and the subsequent convictions in an Indonesia court, will be shared as an example of the steps Indonesia has taken and continues to take toward democratization and reform.

A press conference on the visit will be held on February 22, 2007 at 1:45 P.M. in Bravo Ristorante, Adam's Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado.