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**Marathon Cuts Best High-Grade Sulphide Zone at  
Bird Mines' Ore Fault Property:  
19.7m grading 4.61% Zn, 0.74% Cu, and 51.1g/t Ag**

Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 25, 2008: **Bird River Mines Inc.'s** (BRMI-CNQ) option and joint venture partner, Marathon PGM Corporation ("Marathon") has reported assay results from three holes drilled at the Ore Fault North Zone. The drilling is designed to test continuity of PGM and base metal mineralization as part of resource development.

The President and CEO of Marathon PGM Corporation Phillip Walford stated, "The Ore Fault Property results are exceeding our expectations."

**Highlights:**

- two distinct zones have been identified at the Ore Fault North Zone – an upper zone of Nickel, Copper and PGM (Ni-Cu-PGM) and a lower zone of Zinc, Copper and Silver (Zn-Cu-Ag);
- 19.7m intersection of the lower Zn-Cu-Ag zone grading 4.61% Zn, 0.74% Cu, 51.1g/t Ag and 0.15g/t PGM and Au within a semi-massive sulphide lens in hole MF0807 located 100m south of historic hole 24 with 13.3m grading 3.98% Zn, 0.7% Cu and 40g/t Ag leaving the 10-20 m wide Zn-Cu-Ag zone open along strike and down dip;
- the lower Zn-Cu-Ag zone has been traced for 300 m along strike by drilling and 500 m along strike by a new ground IP survey and is still open beyond the limits of the IP survey;
- 10.5 m intersection of the Ni-Cu-PGM zone grading 0.53% Ni, 0.42% of Cu, 20.4g/t Ag and 1.20g/t PGM plus Au within a sulphide zone above the Zn-Cu-Ag intersection in hole MF0807 in keeping with previous intersections.

Holes MF0803 and MF0807 are located 130 and 80-m south, respectively, of historic Hole 24, which contains multiple lenses with similar grades and thicknesses of Ni-Cu and Zn-Cu-Ag sulphide mineralization. Hole 24 is the northern most Hole drilled in the lower Zn-Cu-Ag zone leaving the thicker lens open to the north and down dip. In addition, many of the previously drilled holes including some of Marathon's did not drill far enough east to test the lower Zn-Cu-Ag zone that occurs along the granite contact. Additional drilling in April-May will explore the rest of the Ore Fault mineralization.

"The strong IP anomaly associated with the lower Zn-Cu-Ag zone continues for at least 200m north into unexplored ground and the potential of finding further extensions of mineralization is quite high. The rig will be back there drilling in two weeks," said David Good, Marathon's Vice President of Exploration.

### Assay Results from Marathon's Drilling

	From	To	Width	Est. True Width	Au	Pt	Pd	Total PGM and Au	Cu	Ni	Zn	Ag
Hole	(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(g/t)
MF0803	144.4	172	27.6	27	0.04	0.12	0.52	0.68	0.15	0.33	0.03	2.4
including	147.4	156.4	9	9	0.08	0.22	0.94	1.24	0.13	0.42	<0.01	1.1
	175.4	180.4	5	5	0.05	0.15	0.49	0.69	0.30	0.47	0.12	12
Zn-Ag-Cu zone	188.2	196	7.8	6.1	0.09	0.02	0.40	0.51	1.76	0.13	3.50	176.7
MF0804	91.15	96.15	5	5	0.03	0.10	0.46	0.59	0.15	0.39	0.02	2.0
	159.75	172.65	12.9	12.9	0.01	0.08	0.34	0.43	0.12	0.26	<0.01	1.6
	205.9	211	5.1	5.1	0.02	0.12	0.49	0.63	0.14	0.43	0.01	6.8
MF0807	147.5	162	14.5	14.5	0.04	0.14	0.77	0.95	0.17	0.46	<0.01	2.2
	189.5	198.7	9.2	9.2	0.02	0.24	1.12	1.38	0.34	0.82	0.02	11.2
including	189.5	193.5	4	4	0.02	0.47	2.21	2.70	0.36	1.49	0.01	6.6
Zn-Ag-Cu zone	208	227.7	19.7	17.5	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.14	0.74	0.03	4.61	51.1
including	224	227.7	3.7	3.3	0.10	0.03	0.06	0.19	0.83	0.03	6.53	98
historic hole 24	199.8	213.1	13.3	11.5	n/d <sup>(1)</sup>	n/d <sup>(1)</sup>	n/d <sup>(1)</sup>	n/d <sup>(1)</sup>	0.70	0.02	3.98	40.4

n/d<sup>(1)</sup> – not determined

### Current Drilling

Bird River Mine's joint venture partner and operator Marathon PGM Corporation has completed 9 holes at the Ore Fault North Zone. Marathon has recently completed drilling on Gossan Resources Page Property and will be drilling shortly on Gossan's Galaxy Property. Upon the completion of drilling on the Galaxy Property, Marathon will return its drill rig to the Bird River's Ore Fault property for further drilling.

Marathon has an option to earn 100% of the Ore Fault Property, which covers 446 hectares, from Bird River Mines Inc (see MAR release of 07-Jan-08). The Ore Fault Property is part of a larger area called the Bird River Project that consists of 7,301 ha that Marathon has an option to earn up to 70% of this project from Gossan Resources (see MAR release of 17-Apr-08).

(Please click on <http://www.marathonpgm.com/newsmaps/2008-12.jpg>) to see a map of the Ore Fault Property.

Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, Marathon will have the option to earn a 70% interest in the Ore Fault Property by making cash payments of \$250,000 to Bird River and carrying out, as operator, \$600,000 in exploration expenditures on the Property by August 1, 2008. Once Marathon's interest in the Property reaches 70%, Marathon may require Bird River Mines to sell to Marathon, Bird River Mines' remaining 30% interest in the Property; and Bird River Mines may require Marathon to purchase the remaining 30% interest in the Property for a purchase price of \$1,450,000, payable in cash or common shares of Marathon, at Marathon's option, subject to regulatory approval. Bird River Mines shall retain a 1.0% net smelter return royalty (the "NSR") in all minerals and metals extracted from the property.

Samples consist of NQ-size drill core that are split by diamond saw on site, prepared at ALS Chemex Vancouver, and assayed by fire assay with an ICP-OES finish (for Pt, Pd and Au) and *aqua regia* or four acid dissolution and ICP-OES finish for base metals. Marathon's quality assurance-quality control (QA-QC) program consists of insertion of standards of known PGM

content and duplicates every 30 samples. After sampling, the remaining half core is retained on site for future verification and reference purposes.

David Good, P.Geo., Ph.D., Marathon's VP of Exploration, is Marathon's Qualified Person in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 and he has reviewed this news release.

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#### **About Marathon PGM Corporation**

Marathon is an emerging Canadian PGM and base metal near-term producer with significant projected PGM, gold and base metal production. Marathon has properties at the development and exploration stages in NW Ontario, southeastern Manitoba and western Newfoundland and Labrador. Marathon's management plans to build on this focus through the advancement of its properties, focusing on resource development and by examining other strategic PGM and base metal opportunities within Canada.

#### **About Bird River Mines Inc.**

In addition to the Ore Fault Property, Bird River Mines also holds two exploration permits known as the Lakeshore Property, totalling 10,338 hectares, located on the eastern and western shores of Lake Winnipegosis about 360 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Lakeshore Property is prospective for zinc mineralization. Bird River Mines has 9.4 million common shares outstanding and trades on the CNQ Exchange under the symbol BRMI.

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