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Marathon Cuts Wide Sulphide Zone at Bird Mines' Ore Fault North Zone: 11m grading 0.44% Ni, 0.20% Cu, and 0.60g/t PGM and gold

Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 25, 2008: **Bird River Mines Inc.'s** (BRMI-CNQ) option and joint venture partner, Marathon PGM Corporation ("Marathon") has reported the final assays from Phase One drilling at the Ore Fault North Zone ("OFNZ"). The rig is currently returning to the OFNZ to conduct an additional 1,500-m of infill drilling. The purpose of the Bird River drilling is to test continuity of PGM and base metal mineralization as part of on-going resource development.

The President and CEO of Marathon PGM Corporation, Phillip Walford stated, "We are drilling aggressively as a part of the resource estimate for the Bird River Project." "The density of drilling completed to date will allow us to rapidly build a resource estimate for the Page and Ore Fault North Zones."

Highlights:

- 24.5m intersection of upper Ni-Cu-PGM mineralization grading 0.31% Ni, 0.14% Cu, and 0.43g/t PGM and Au in a disseminated sulphide lens within hole MF0805
- additional intersections of two distinct mineralized zones identified at the Ore Fault North Zone – an upper zone of Ni-Cu-PGM mineralization and a lower zone of Zn-Cu-Ag mineralization
- Zn-Cu-Ag mineralization is traceable for 300 m along strike by drilling and 500 m along strike by new ground IP geophysical survey and is still open beyond the limits of the IP survey

Current Exploration

Mineralization at the OFNZ is hosted within a series of stacked sulphide lenses that are typically 50m by 100m, over a known strike length of 300m. Mineralization is open down dip as well as to the north and south. Drilling is expected to define multiple sulphide lenses that exhibit "pinch and swell" features.

Geophysical surveys have played a key role in tracing lithologic units and associated mineralization. Magnetics clearly outline the northwest trending ultramafic unit, while a ground 3d IP array survey shows a diverging northeast trend that corresponds to Zn-Cu-Ag mineralization. A number of geophysical targets along strike from known mineralization have not been adequately explored.

Current Drilling

To date, Marathon has completed 9 holes (1901 meters) at the OFNZ, 4 holes (590 meters) at the Galaxy Zone, and most recently 13 holes (2046 meters) at the Page Zone, located 1-km northeast. The rig is currently drilling a final 1500m at the OFNZ of infill holes in order to improve drill density and to build the resource.

Hole MF0808 is located 50-m south of historic drill hole 24, which contains multiple lenses of good grades and thicknesses for Ni-Cu and Zn-Cu-Ag sulphide mineralization (see MAR press release of 21-Feb-08). Of importance, MF0808 confirms continuity of mineralization from adjacent sections. Hole 24 is the most northerly hole drilled in the lower Zn-Cu-Ag zone, which leaves the thicker lens open to the north and down dip.

Hole MF0806 is located above hole MF0807 and confirmed the up-dip continuity of both the upper Ni-Cu-PGM and basal Zn-Cu-Ag mineralized zones.

Multiple previous drill holes were not drilled far enough to the east to test the Zn-Cu-Ag mineralization in contact with the basal granite. Marathon's imminent drilling will test many of these eastern mineralized extensions.

"These holes complete our preliminary investigation of the Ore Fault North Zone. With this data and recent geophysics we can now focus on drilling the areas with high potential," said David Good, Marathon's Vice President of Exploration.

Assay Results from Marathon's Drilling

	From	To	True Width	Au	Pt	Pd	Total PGM and Au	Cu	Ni	Zn	Ag
Hole	(m)	(m)	(m)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(g/t)
MF-08-02	29.8	36.35	6.55	0.01	0.07	0.27	0.35	0.18	0.25	0.25	7.3
MF-08-02	46.3	47.05	0.75	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.34	0.01	2.52	30.5
MF-08-05	110.7	135.2	24.5	0.01	0.09	0.33	0.43	0.14	0.31	0.02	2.7
MF-08-05	169.8	170.3	0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.19	0.01	1.64	6.6
MF-08-06	49.5	50.8	1.3	0.07	0.09	0.65	0.81	0.42	0.46	0.37	10.6
MF-08-06	55	56	1	0.01	0.11	0.19	0.31	0.53	0.38	0.14	20.2
MF-08-06	67	70.5	3.5	0.05	0.11	0.44	0.6	0.17	0.52	0.04	4.3
MF-08-06	99	103	4	0.02	0.06	0.23	0.31	0.13	0.22	0.02	2.9
MF-08-08	77.1	81.5	4.4	0.02	0.07	0.28	0.37	0.14	0.31	0.04	2.4
MF-08-08	98.25	101.25	3	0.02	0.1	0.41	0.53	0.27	0.52	0.03	7.8
MF-08-08	147.5	158.5	11	0.02	0.09	0.49	0.6	0.20	0.44	0.01	5.6
MF-08-08	194	195	1	0.39	0.01	0.02	0.42	0.33	0.04	1.28	22.1
MF-08-09	85.8	86.8	1	0.16	0.04	0.15	0.35	0.27	0.19	0.03	6.4

Marathon has an option to earn 100% of 446 hectare Ore Fault Property 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-07).

(Please click on <http://www.marathonpgm.com/newsmaps/2008-16.jpg>) to see a generalized geological cross section of 4650N of the Ore Fault North Zone. Please click on <http://www.marathonpgm.com/newsmaps/2008-16a.jpg>) to open a plan view of Ore Fault North Zone.

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.Geol; Ph.D; Marathon's VP of Exploration is Marathon's Qualified Person in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 with respect to this release. Dr. Good has reviewed the contents for accuracy and has approved this press release on behalf of Marathon.

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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