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PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT FOR SWAMP POINT NORTH AGGREGATE PROJECT

Vancouver, B.C. – May 5th, 2015 – Highbank Resources Ltd. (the “Company”), TSX Venture: **HBK**.

Highbank Resources Ltd. (“Highbank”) is pleased to announce the completion of a positive NI 43-101 Technical Report on a Preliminary Economic Assessment (the “PEA”) of Highbank’s Swamp Point North Aggregate Project located adjacent to tidewater 50 km south of Stewart in northern British Columbia. The PEA, prepared under the guidance of independent consultant Micon International Limited (“Micon”), was based on the resource estimate published in the “Technical Report on Portland Canal Aggregates Corporation Swamp Point North Property, British Columbia, Canada” prepared by Associated Geosciences Ltd. (AGL), now DMT Geosciences Ltd. (DMT), in 2007.

Micon concludes that Swamp Point North has potential for the economic development and production, subject to success in future marketing initiatives.

Accordingly, Micon and DMT recommend that Highbank continue to advance the project toward production by concluding initial off-take agreements for its product in parallel with the site works presently underway.

Highlights of the PEA includes a net present value of Cdn. \$24.3 million after tax, discounted at 8% p.a. The base case cash flows forecast for years 1-3 from the PEA are summarized below.

		LOM (\$'millions)	NPV @ 8% (\$'millions)	Unit cost (\$/t)
Revenue	Gross Sales	98.9	87.7	32.23
less	Royalty	7.2	6.4	2.35
Operating Costs	Net Sales Revenue	91.7	81.3	29.88
	Mining Costs	39.3	34.8	12.80
	Processing Costs	9.8	8.7	3.20
	G&A costs	2.2	1.9	0.70
Net Cash Operating Margin	Total cash operating costs	51.3	45.5	16.71
Capital Expenditure		40.5	35.8	13.18
	Initial/expansion capital	0.5	0.5	0.17
	Sustaining & Closure	0.6	0.5	0.18
Changes in Working Capital		-	0.6	-
Net cash flow before tax		39.4	34.1	12.82
Taxation payable		11.4	9.9	3.71
Net cash flow after tax		27.4	24.3	9.11

Revenue forecasts are based on sales of 2,785,000 tonnes of aggregate at an average price of \$34/00/tonne FOB Prince Rupert, and 285,000 tonnes of coarse material at an average of \$21.45/tonne. The cash flow forecast is based on in-pit measured and indicated resources with 1% of the total being an inferred resource within that pit. The mining production schedule assumes Highbank's application to increase its existing permit will succeed.

Overall, with total cash operating cost of \$16.71/tonne and royalties of \$2.35/tonne, the production forecast provides an operating margin of around 44%. At an annual discount rate of 8%, the base case cash flow for the three operating years evaluates to an NPV of \$24.3 million. The project is least sensitive to capital costs, mainly due to most of the required capital investment having taken place prior to start of the cash flow period.

This preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and there is no certainty that the assessment will be realized. Inferred mineral resources are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves.

The Company advises that while it has made the decision to put the Project into production, the Company is not basing its production decision on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability. There exists an increased economic and technical risk of failure associated with such a production decision.

The Company is continuing its efforts to secure long-term contracts for its aggregate products from Swamp Point North.

The Technical Report summarizing the PEA will be available on the Company's website (www.highbankresources.com) and through SEDAR (www.sedar.com). Qualified persons under NI 43-101 who contributed to the PEA and will be responsible for sections of the Technical Report are: David K. Makepeace, M.Eng., P.Eng., Senior Geologist-Environmental Engineer; & Tania Ilieva, Ph.D., P.Geo., Senior Geologist; of Micon International Limited. In addition, Keith McCandlish, P.Geo., and Peter Cain, Ph.D., P.Eng. of DMT Geosciences Ltd authored the mineral resource and mining sections of the Technical Report, respectively.

The disclosure of the technical information contained above in this news release has been reviewed and approved by David K. Makepeace, M.Eng., P.Eng., who is a Qualified Person as defined under NI 43-101.

**On behalf of the Board of Directors of
Highbank Resources Ltd.**

"Victor N. Bryant"

Victor N. Bryant,
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