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ALBION PETROLEUM LTD. PROVIDES UPDATE ON PROPOSED QUALIFYING TRANSACTION

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Calgary, January 16, 2015 - Albion Petroleum Ltd. (the “**Corporation**” or “**Albion**”) (TSXV: ABP.H), a capital pool company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange Inc. (the “**TSXV**”), is pleased to provide an update on its previously announced Qualifying Transaction. On July 1, 2014, Albion entered into an arrangement agreement (the “**Arrangement Agreement**”) with Sundance Minerals Ltd. (“**Sundance**”), a private exploration company currently focusing on precious and base metal projects in Mexico and the United States. Pursuant to the Arrangement Agreement, Albion agreed to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares and warrants of Sundance in exchange for common shares and warrants of Albion (the “**Proposed Transaction**”) pursuant to a statutory plan of arrangement (the “**Arrangement**”). On December 31, 2014, Albion and Sundance entered into an amendment to the Arrangement Agreement (the “**Amendment**”) in order to, among other things, extend the deadline for the closing of the Arrangement to March 31, 2015 and to fix the ratio at which the Sundance common shares and warrants will be exchanged for Albion common shares and warrants (on a post-consolidation basis) at a one-for-one basis. It is a condition precedent to the Arrangement that Albion common shares be consolidated on a four-for-one basis immediately prior to the Arrangement (the “**Consolidation**”).

At the Albion shareholders meeting held on September 12, 2014, the shareholders of Albion approved, subject to completion of the Arrangement, the Consolidation, the change of Albion’s name to “First Mining Finance Corp.” and the continuance of the Corporation under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). The continuance and the name change are to be effective at or immediately after the completion of the Arrangement.

Albion and Sundance continue to work towards completing the Arrangement and anticipate closing the Arrangement during the first quarter of 2015. The Arrangement remains subject to the approval of the Sundance shareholders, applicable courts and the TSXV. Sundance anticipates calling a meeting of its shareholders to approve the Arrangement in February 2015.

Sundance Matters

Financings

During October and December, 2014, Sundance completed a private placement financing of 10,895,000 subscription receipts (“**Subscription Receipts**”) at a price of \$0.25 per Subscription Receipt for gross proceeds of \$2,723,750. Upon satisfaction of the closing conditions to the Arrangement, each Subscription Receipt will automatically convert into one common share of Sundance. These common shares will then participate in the Arrangement and will be exchanged for post-Consolidation Albion common shares on the basis set out above. In the event the Arrangement is not completed on or before March 31, 2015, the Subscription Receipts will be cancelled and the funds will be returned to the subscribers.

In addition, Sundance intends to complete a brokered private placement (the “**Sundance Private Placement**”) of Sundance common shares to raise gross proceeds of between \$5,000,000 and \$9,000,000 at a price per share to be determined. Common shares issued pursuant to the Sundance Private Placement will also participate in the Arrangement and will be exchanged for post-Consolidation Albion common shares on the basis set out above. Haywood Securities Inc. has been engaged to act as agent for the Sundance Private Placement.

Property Update

As part of Sundance’s ongoing evaluation of its property portfolio, Sundance has terminated its option agreements to acquire an interest in the Metzli 4 claim and the La Sorpresa Project located in Mexico. In addition, Sundance has

received notice from Paget Minerals Corporation (“**Paget**”) that Paget will not be proceeding with its option to earn an interest in Sundance’s San Ricardo Property in Sonora, Mexico.

Management Update

Effective January 5, 2015, Patrick Donnelly was appointed as the President of Sundance. Upon completion of the Arrangement, Mr. Donnelly will be the President of Albion (then known as “First Mining Finance Corp.”). Dr. Chris Osterman remains the Chief Executive Officer of Sundance and will continue as Chief Executive Officer of the resulting issuer. Mr. Donnelly has a broad range of experience in mineral exploration and capital markets. He began his career as a project geologist almost 20 years ago. Subsequently, Mr. Donnelly worked for a Canadian securities firm as a base metals mining analyst. In his most recent role, Mr. Donnelly held the position of Vice President Corporate Communications with a copper development company with assets in Alaska. He holds a B.Sc. in Geology (Honors) from the University of British Columbia and has an MBA from the University of Toronto.

Completion of the Arrangement is subject to a number of conditions, including but not limited to, TSXV acceptance, court approval and, if applicable pursuant to TSXV requirements, majority of the minority shareholder approval. Where applicable, the Proposed Transaction cannot close until the required shareholder and court approval is obtained. There can be no assurance that the Proposed Transaction will be completed as proposed or at all.

Investors are cautioned that, except as disclosed in the management information circular or filing statement to be prepared in connection with the Proposed Transaction, any information released or received with respect to the Proposed Transaction may not be accurate or complete and should not be relied upon. Trading in the securities of a capital pool company should be considered highly speculative.

The TSXV has in no way passed upon the merits of the Proposed Transaction and has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this press release.

All information contained in this press release with respect to the parties was supplied by each of the parties for inclusion herein. Albion and its directors and officers have relied exclusively on Sundance for any information concerning Sundance.

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