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Maritime's Prefeasibility Study on the Hammerdown Gold Mine Returns an IRR of 46.8% and NPV (8%) of \$71.2M

VANCOUVER, BC - Maritime Resources Corp. (MAE-TSX Venture, "Maritime") is pleased to announce that they have completed the **Prefeasibility Engineering Study and Economic Assessment ("PFS" or "Study")** aimed to reopen the past producing Hammerdown gold project in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

The PFS was evaluated on the Measured & Indicated NI43-101 mineral resource estimate for the past producing Hammerdown gold deposit. The study was completed by **WSP Canada Inc. ("WSP")**, an independent third party engineering firm, with the mandate to evaluate the potential of bringing the past producing gold mine back into commercial production.

The Study was successful in demonstrating a viable mining operation with low upfront capital and short time line to the start of gold production. The engineering design optimizes a small foot print within the historical mine area as well as utilizing some of the existing underground infrastructure where possible. The operation is schedule to run at a capacity of approximately 400 metric tons per day ('mtpd') over a five-year mine life.

The results show positive economics, strong internal rate of return, short payback period and significant cash flow under reasonable commodity price assumptions. The pre-tax operating cash cost to produce an ounce of gold is \$558 CDN with an all in pre-tax-cost (including capital, sustaining capital and operating cost) of \$955 CDN per ounce of gold.

In addition, there remain numerous opportunities for improvement to reduce the planned development and capital costs. Maritime will continue to evaluate these opportunities with a goal to fully optimize the returns from the mining operation.

PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY ('PFS') HIGHLIGHTS

(All currency is expressed in Canadian dollars (\$CA) unless otherwise noted.)

- Project Pre-tax net present value ('NPV_{8%}') of \$71.2 million with an IRR of 46.8% per cent.
- Project after-tax net present value ('NPV_{8%}') of \$44.2 million with an internal rate of return ('IRR') of 34.8%
- Net pre-tax cash flow of \$104 million, undiscounted. Net after-tax cash flow of \$69 million, undiscounted.
- Total Development and Capital Cost Estimate for the five-year life of mine of \$67.8 million,
 - Mine Development Capital of -\$16.8 million
 - Equipment Capital of - \$10.6 million
 - Infrastructure Capital of - \$13.0 million
 - Sustaining Capital - \$12.9 million
 - Indirect costs of - \$ 7.3 million
 - Contingency of - \$7.2 million

- Mine life for the current plan at Hammerdown is five years, producing approximately 174,000 ounces at an average of approximately 35,000 ounces per year. Basic assumptions used for the compilation of this PFS:
 - Gold Price of US\$ 1,250 per ounce
 - Exchange Rate of 0.8 US\$: 1 CA\$ (or 1 US\$: 1.25 CA\$)
 - Project discount rate of 8%
 - Mill recovery of 97% based on the historic treatment of the ore at the nearby Nugget Pond Gold Mill from 2000 to 2004.

Doug Fulcher, President and CEO of Maritime commented:

"We are pleased with the results of the PFS as it demonstrates that the Hammerdown Gold mine has the potential to convert Maritime into a junior gold producer. Through the ongoing partnership and discussions with Rambler Metals and Mining, Maritime hopes to quickly advance Hammerdown towards commercial productions by, utilizing the Nugget Pond gold mill where ore from this deposit was processed in the past.

"In addition to a high internal rate of return and short payback period, the project has numerous opportunities that could further enhance the project's economics. We are confident that with access to the underground workings, combined with a surface diamond drilling program, our understanding of the deposit and the mineralization will significantly increase. The surface exploration program will aim to extend the gold vein system along trend, to test the blue sky potential, while a more focused program will be designed to improve the confidence level of any inferred material so that it can be further considered for inclusion in the reserve and mine plan.

"Being a Canadian asset, Maritime benefits not only from working in one of the safest jurisdictions in the world, but also from selling commodities in US dollars whilst most costs remain in Canadian dollars. This, combined with high grade, low capital costs and low project risks, makes the Hammerdown mineral asset unique amongst its peers.

"With this study now in-hand we will continue our efforts into the permitting aspects of the project while reviewing options to potentially fund the reopening of the Hammerdown Gold mine."

MINERAL RESOURCE AND RESERVE UPDATE

As part of the PFS, a new geological resource and reserve has been estimated for the Hammerdown project. Tables 1 and 2 below outline the results of this updated estimate which will also be detailed in the technical report filed with SEDAR. No inferred mineralisation was included in the reserve estimate.

MINERAL RESERVE

Table 1 Mineral Reserve Estimate Summary for the Hammerdown Gold Project

CLASSIFICATION	QUANTITY tonnes	GRADE Au, g/t	CONTAINED METAL Au, Koz
Proven Reserves (undiluted, unrecovered)	118,600	15.17	57.8
Probable Reserves (undiluted, unrecovered)	320,600	11.79	121.5
Total Proven and Probable Reserve (undiluted, unrecovered)	439,200	12.70	179.4
Dilution (all sources)	261,400	0	0
Reserve (diluted and recovered)	700,600	7.96	179.4

Note: see Mineral Reserve Statement Notes below

MINERAL RESOURCE

Table 2 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Hammerdown/Rumbullion/Muddy Shag Gold Deposits

CLASSIFICATION	QUANTITY tonnes	GRADE Au, g/t	CONTAINED METAL Au, Koz
Measured	372,170	12.09	144.7
Indicated	553,500	9.60	170.9
Total Measured + Indicated	925,670	10.60	315.6
Inferred	1,557,000	7.53	376.8

Note: see Mineral Resource Statement Notes below

The procedures used for the resource and reserve estimation processes are consistent with the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy ('CIMM') best practices and NI 43-101 guidelines. Generally, figures are rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate; numbers may not total due to this rounding.

Pre-Feasibility Study ('PFS') SUMMARY

The PFS is based on the measured and indicated mineral resources only within the Hammerdown deposit. The Orion deposit, located approximately 1.5 km from Hammerdown gold mine, was not considered a part of this study and remains an opportunity for the project.

Ore mined at Hammerdown will be trucked and processed, at approximately 400 mtpd, at the Nugget Pond mill through a toll milling arrangement with Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Limited with whom Maritime has a strategic alliance.

Ore will be mined by way of a combination of both Long Hole and Mechanized Cut and Fill, utilizing the original access portal and a small portion of the existing underground workings.

Mine life in the PFS is approximately 5 years producing an average of approximately 35,000 ounces of gold per year with an all in pre-tax cost of approximately \$955 per ounce.

Additional opportunities exist to improve the low risk, low capital base case scenario, including:

- Additional resource growth through the exploration and development of the Inferred Resource at Hammerdown that sits within the existing mine plan and contains up to 377,000 oz. gold;
- The potential of open pit production from Orion, not included in this study, during the first few years of operations;
- Further studies on both mining method, to minimize dilution, as well as underground development. This work will be initiated once the portal has been reopened and refurbishing of the underground workings have begun.
- Integration of ore pre-concentration at the mine site. This could potentially allow for further optimization of mine production by reducing the amount of waste and improving the grade being delivered to the mill;
- A detailed review will be completed of all surface infrastructure including, utilities, building and electrical etc. to determine the optimal use of and requirements for this equipment;
- All mine and surface mobile equipment is purchased upfront as new. There may be opportunities to source some equipment in the used market or possible arrange equipment financing terms with a supplier. A review of both size and quantity of mobile equipment will be completed for optimization and potential reduction in up front capital.

A National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") technical report will be filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com within 45 days, before the end of April 2017.

ECONOMIC SUMMARY**Table 3 Project Economics**

ITEM	VALUE
Production Life	5 Years
Recovered Gold	174,000 oz
Revenue	270 \$ M
Total Operating Cost Estimate	97.1 \$ M
Total Capital Cost Estimate (Over LOM)	67.8 \$ M
Before-Tax Cash Flow	104 \$ M
After-Tax Cash Flow	69 \$ M
Before-Tax Net Present Value (8% discount)	71.2 \$ M
After-Tax Net Present Value (8% discount)	44.2 \$ M
Internal Rate of Return, Before-Tax	46 %
Internal Rate of Return, After-Tax	34.8 %
Before-Tax Payback Period, from start of production	1.7 Years
After-Tax Payback Period, from start of production	1.9 Years

Table 4 Summary Project Parameters and Economics

ITEM	VALUE
Gold Price	1250 US\$/oz
Exchange Rate	0.8 US\$: 1 CA\$
Mill Feed	700,500 Tonnes
Head Grade	7.96 g/t
Gold Production	174,000 oz
LOM Capital Estimate	
Mine Development Capital	16.8 \$ M
Mine Development Sustaining Capital	5.5 \$ M
Mine Equipment Capital	7.2 \$ M
Mine Equipment Sustaining Capital	7.1 \$ M
Water Management	0.7 \$ M
Infrastructure	8.6 \$ M
Power, Electricity	3.9 \$ M
Reclamation, Closure, Post-Monitoring	1.0 \$ M
Royalty Buy Back	1.0 \$ M
Indirect Costs	7.3 \$ M
Contingency	8.7 \$ M
Total	67.8 \$ M
LOM Operating Cost Estimate	
Mining	52.3 \$ M
Crushing, Loading, Transport	14.6 \$ M
Processing	23.0 \$ M
General & Administrative	7.1 \$ M
Total	97.1 \$ M
Operating Cost Per Ton	139 \$/t
Operating Cost Per Oz/Au	558 \$/oz
Refining, Transportation Charges	1.0 \$ M
Royalties	2.7 \$ M
Other Costs	

ITEM	VALUE
Reclamation Bond & Associated Cost	0.2 \$ M
Salvage Value	(2.7) \$ M
Taxes	35.0 \$ M
Other Parameters	
Mining Dilution (Stopes, Drifts)	60 %
Mining Recovery (Stopes, Drifts)	100 %
Mill Recoveries (Au)	97 %

The table below summarises the sensitivities associated with metal pricing, project operating expenditures ('OPEX') and capital expenditures ('CAPEX').

Table 5 Summary of Sensitivities

VARIABLE	-20%	-10%	0%	+10%	+20%
Gold Price	28.4 \$M	49.8 \$M	71.2 \$M	92.6 \$M	114.0 \$M
Operating Cost	86.6 \$M	78.9 \$M	71.2 \$M	63.5 \$M	55.7 \$M
Capital Cost	84.4 \$M	77.8 \$M	71.2 \$M	64.6 \$M	58.0 \$M
Note: Before-Tax NPV at 8%					

MINERAL RESERVE AND MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENTS

MINERAL RESERVE NOTES

The Mineral Reserves Estimate was prepared by WSP Canada Inc. (WSP). The mineral reserve estimate identifies the economically mineable mineral contained within stope shapes that have a final diluted grade of 3.0 g/t or higher. Above cut-off grade resource material less than 3 metres from historically mined workings was determined non-mineable due to safety concerns. This non-mineable material has been excluded from the reserves.

Tables 1 & 6 NOTES

Tonnages and grades depicted in Tables 1 & 6 reflect inclusion of all sources of dilution and by combining longitudinal retreat with near 60% dilution provides a 100% mining recovery.

All figures are rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate; numbers may not total due to this rounding. The CA\$1,481 NSR for the reserve material was calculated using an all-in costs of 138 per tonne of ore milled for longhole mining and \$153 per tonne of ore milled for cut and fill mining.

The ore reserves are based upon:

- A forecast long term metal price of US\$1,250 per ounce for gold
- A long-term USD/CDN FX rate of 1:0.80
- A process recovery of 97% and
- Other royalty and refining factors.

Table 6 Mineral Reserve Estimate by Method by Level for the Hammerdown Gold Project - 16 February 2017

Level	Longhole Stopes			Longhole Sills			Cut and Fill Stopes			Cut and Fill Sills			Total		
	Tonnes	Head Grade	Gold Ounces	Tonnes	Head Grade	Gold Ounces	Tonnes	Head Grade	Gold Ounces	Tonnes	Head Grade	Gold Ounces	Tonnes	Head Grade	Gold Ounces
9995	84,931	8.74	23,859	32,159	5.07	5,237	-	-	-	-	-	-	117,090	7.73	29,096
9980	41,293	7.03	9,339	16,362	3.90	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,655	6.14	11,389
9965	44,468	6.24	8,925	16,792	3.63	1,959	8,085	8.62	2,242	2,021	8.62	560	71,366	5.96	13,686
9950	43,115	8.28	11,481	16,551	4.74	2,520	5,247	7.51	1,266	1,312	7.51	317	66,224	7.32	15,584
9935	55,974	7.64	13,750	22,811	4.12	3,018	2,620	7.78	655	655	7.78	164	82,060	6.67	17,588
9920	27,410	6.89	6,076	10,515	3.95	1,334	8,048	5.58	1,444	2,012	5.58	361	47,984	5.97	9,215
9905	32,611	7.20	7,550	12,790	4.03	1,657	3,087	6.20	615	772	6.20	154	49,259	6.30	9,977
9885	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,184	8.14	6,592	6,296	8.14	1,648	31,480	8.14	8,240
9870	29,058	15.65	14,616	11,112	8.98	3,208	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,170	13.80	17,825
9855	21,540	15.00	10,385	8,237	8.61	2,280	2,979	16.39	1,570	745	16.39	392	33,500	13.58	14,627
9840	16,830	14.36	7,772	6,436	8.24	1,706	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,265	12.67	9,478
9825	11,265	11.15	4,038	4,481	6.15	886	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,747	9.73	4,924
9810	5,633	9.32	1,688	2,241	5.14	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,873	8.13	2,058
9795	10,805	8.02	2,787	4,298	4.43	612	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,103	7.00	3,399
9780	8,978	11.98	3,457	3,498	6.75	759	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,476	10.51	4,216
9765	13,053	9.68	4,061	5,085	5.45	891	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,138	8.49	4,953
9750	7,183	8.82	2,037	2,799	4.97	447	997	15.50	497	249	15.50	124	11,228	8.60	3,105
Total	454,146	9.03	131,820	176,167	5.11	28,936	56,245	8.23	14,881	14,061	8.23	3,720	700,618	7.96	179,358

MINERAL RESOURCE NOTES

The Resource Estimate was prepared by WSP Canada Inc (WSP). The mineral resource estimate is based on the combination of geological modeling, geostatistics and conventional block modeling using the Ordinary Krig method of grade interpolation. The mineral resources were estimated using a block model with parent blocks of 5m X 5m X 5 m split three times into sub-blocks. The geological model including mineralized intercepts was generated by Maritime personnel and then audited by WSP. The QAQC protocols and corresponding sample preparation and shipment procedures have been reviewed by WSP.

Tables 2 & 7 NOTES

1. CIM definition standards were followed for the resource estimate.
2. The 2016 resource models used Ordinary Krig grade estimation within a three-dimensional block model with mineralized zones defined by wireframed solids.
3. A cut-off grade of 3.0 g/t Au over 1.2 meters was used for reporting resources with capping of gold grades at 125 g/t at Hammerdown and 50 g/t at Orion.
4. A Specific Gravity of 2.84 was applied.
5. Numbers may not add exactly due to rounding.
6. Mineral Resources, which are not mineral reserves, have not demonstrated economic viability.
7. The quantity and grade of reported inferred resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these inferred resources as an indicated or measured mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an indicated or measured mineral resource category.
8. Resources are inclusive of reserves.

Table 7 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Green Bay Property including:
Hammerdown/Rumbullion/Muddy Shag Gold Deposits and Orion Gold Deposit

Category	Deposit	Vein	Tonnes (t)	Gold (g/t)	Ounces ('000 oz)
Measured	Hammerdown/Rumbullion/Muddy Shag	All	372,170	12.09	144.7
	Measured Total		372,170	12.09	144.7
Indicated	Hammerdown/Rumbullion/Muddy Shag	All	553,500	9.60	170.9
	Orion	Main	206,600	4.18	27.8
		DISV	889,900	4.53	129.6
		EMS	-	-	-
		ALL Orion total	1,096,500	4.47	157.6
	Indicated Total	-	1,650,000	6.19	328.5
Measured and Indicated Total		ALL	2,022,170	7.28	473.2

Inferred	Hammerdown/Rumbullion/Muddy Shag	All	1,557,000	7.53	376.8
	Orion	Main	387,000	6.91	86.0
		DISV	737,000	4.67	110.7
		EMS	164,000	5.39	28.4
		ALL Orion	1,288,000	5.44	225.1
	Inferred Total	ALL	2,845,000	6.58	601.9

ABOUT MARITIME RESOURCES CORP:

Maritime Resources holds 100% of the Green Bay Property, located near Springdale, Newfoundland and Labrador. The property hosts the past producing Hammerdown gold mine and the Orion gold deposit separated by a 1.5 km distance, as well as the Lochinvar base metals/precious metals deposit.

The **Hammerdown gold deposit** was successfully mined by Richmond Mines between 2000 and 2004 while gold prices averaged \$325/oz. During its operation, a total of 291,400 tonnes of ore were mined and milled, at an **average grade of 15.83 g/t Au**, recovering a total of **143,000 ounces of gold at an 8 g/t cut-off**. All of the ore was processed at the Nugget Pond mill, now owned and operated by Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Limited, with an average gold recovery of 97.1%. Mining terminated in 2004 due to low gold prices with extensive gold mineralization remaining, although uneconomic at that time.

The **Orion gold deposit** consists of two main vein systems, both of which are open along strike, and down plunge to the northeast.

Bernard H. Kahlert, P.Eng. is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical disclosure contained in this release.

The NI43-101 technical report has been compiled by WSP:

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