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NEWS RELEASE

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 2, 2008: **Bird River Mines Inc.** (BRMI-CNQ) has been advised by Marathon PGM Corporation (MPGM) that as per the Option and Joint Venture Agreement dated October 29, 2007, it has spent \$549,002.42 on or for the benefit of the Ore Fault Property.

In addition, MPGM has made payments to BRMI in the aggregate amount of \$200,000 thereby fulfilling the terms and conditions of section 3.2 of the Agreement. As a result, MPGM has exercised its option to acquire a 50% Participation Interest in the Property. MPGM has indicated its intention to fulfil its right/commitments to earn a 70% interest in the property by August 1, 2008. Once Marathon's interest in the Property reaches 70%, Marathon may require BRMI to sell to MPGM, BRMI's remaining 30% interest in the Ore Fault Property; and BRMI 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. BRMI shall retain a 1.0% net smelter return royalty (the "NSR") in all minerals and metals extracted from the property.

For further information, see prior BRMI news releases dated November 1, 2007 and Company's MD&A for the interim period ending October 31, 2007 which is available on SEDAR

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 northwestern 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.

Bird River Mines Inc. trades on the CNQ Stock Exchange under the symbol BRMI.

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