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NEWS RELEASE

Ore Fault North Zone Resource Development Drilling Hits 53m grading 0.82% Ni, 0.25% Cu, and 1.15g/t PGM and Gold

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 30, 2008: **Bird River Mines Inc.** (BRMI-CNQ) is pleased to report that its joint venture partner Marathon PGM Corporation (“Marathon”) (TSX:MAR) has released the latest results from the on-going resource development drilling program at the Ore Fault North Zone (“OFNZ”) within the Bird River Project, southeast Manitoba. Drilling at the OFNZ intersected numerous zones of Nickel-Copper-Platinum Group Metals (“Ni-Cu-PGM”) mineralization and Zinc-Silver-Copper (“Zn-Ag-Cu” mineralization).

Highlights:

- 53m intersection of Ni-Cu-PGM mineralization grading 0.82% Ni, 0.25% Cu and 1.15g/t PGM and Au in a sulphide lens within hole MP0810 is the widest grade intercept drilled to date at OFNZ
- 7.6m intersection of Zn-Ag-Cu mineralization grading 1.61% Zn, 61.0g/t Ag and 1.31% Cu is continuation of Zn-Ag-Cu zones as previously reported
- MF0810 is in between holes MF0808 and historic hole 89-17 which confirms a down dip dimension of mineralization for 130m
- drilling intersected lenses Zn-Ag-Cu mineralization in basal contact with granites, extending strike length of Zn-Ag-Cu zones
- the NI43-101 compliant OFNZ resource estimate will be completed in Q3/Q4

“Our ability to continually find mineralization like this is a strong endorsement for both the Bird River Project and our exploration team. I am looking forward to the upcoming Page and Ore Fault resource estimates - they will be very valuable in planning future drilling,” said Phillip Walford, President and CEO of Marathon.

Ore Fault North Zone – Results from Drilling

Hole	From (m)	To (m)	True Width (m)	Pd (g/t)	Pt (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Total PGM and Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Zn (%)	Cu (%)	Ni (%)
MF0810	187	240	53	0.93	0.20	0.02	1.15	3.9	0.01	0.25	0.82
Including	187	202	15	1.76	0.35	0.03	2.14	3.9	0.01	0.48	1.71
and	220	226.5	6.5	1.46	0.34	0.02	1.82	6.1	0.01	0.32	1.01
and	231	235	4	1.11	0.26	0.02	1.39	13.6	0.02	0.45	0.81
MF0811	69.4	77	7.6	0.14	0.04	0.04	0.22	61.0	1.61	1.31	0.25
MF0811	90.2	91.25	1.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	10.8	3.84	0.25	0.01
MF0812	38.3	62.7	24.4	0.45	0.12	0.02	0.59	8.2	0.09	0.33	0.54
Including	53.7	60.7	7	0.87	0.22	0.04	1.13	16.6	0.06	0.74	1.05
MF0812	64.7	67.3	2.6	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.8	0.69	0.03	0.02
MF0812	75.3	78.8	3.5	0.01	0.01	0.09	0.11	4.8	0.57	0.15	0.01

OFNZ Mineralization and Resource Development Drilling

Holes MF0810, -11 and -12 confirm results from both historic and recent drilling by Marathon. These holes also corroborate that mineralization remains open down dip and to the south. Marathon's geological interpretation from the OFNZ drilling reveals that there are two mineralized systems. Ni-Cu-PGM mineralization is hosted within steeply dipping (~70 degrees) sulphide lenses and the basal Zn-Ag-Cu mineralization is hosted within vertical sulphide lenses adjacent to basement granites. The Ni-Cu-PGM mineralization is primary in nature, as crosscutting relationships establish the secondary nature of the Zn-Ag-Cu mineralization.

MF0810 is situated on the northern margin of the OFNZ and represents the thickest grade intercept drilled to date. Following mineralization across sections reveals a planar feature approximately 30m in thickness that is open downdip and has been traced over 120m of strike length. Holes MF0811 and -12 are on the southern margin of the OFNZ and are significant given that they outline the southward continuation of mineralization, into an area of little drilling.

Semi-massive to massive sulphide lenses at the OFNZ, as elsewhere within the Bird River Project, tend to exhibit higher metal values. Marathon is using a tight drill density in order to properly define these metal rich lenses and provide higher degrees of confidence of the OFNZ resource estimate.

The 2007 Bird River project winter drilling program was completed with a total of 6,938m in 38 holes of which twenty-one holes (4,308m) were drilled at the Ore Fault North Zone. Thirteen holes (2,047m) were drilled at Gossan's Page Zone, and 4 holes (582.4m) were drilled at Gossan's Galaxy Zone. Marathon is presently awaiting assays for the remaining holes drilled at the OFNZ. "Fifty plus metres of 0.82% nickel demonstrates the discovery potential. Our understanding of the Bird River Project mineralization will guide future exploration, as we've really just scratched the surface," said David Good, P.Geo., VP of Exploration. Mr. Good is Marathon's Qualified Person in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 with respect to this release.

Marathon has an option to earn 100% of the 446 hectare Ore Fault Property from Bird River Mines Inc (see BRMI release of December 31, 2007). To date Marathon has exercised its option to acquire a 50% interest in the Property. Marathon 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 Marathon, 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.

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.

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