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NEWS RELEASE

Marathon Acquires Ore Fault Property from Bird River Mines Inc.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 19, 2008: **Bird River Mines Inc.** (BRMI-CNQ) is pleased to announce that its joint venture partner Marathon PGM Corporation (“Marathon”) (TSX:MAR) has acquired the balance of the Ore Fault Property (“OFP”) from Bird River Mines Inc (CNQ:BRMI). The OFP consists of 19 claims which cover 446 hectares. The OFP is located at the eastern margin of Marathon’s Bird River Project, which is under option from Gossan Resources (GSS:TSX.V).

Under the Joint Venture Agreement Marathon had an option to earn 100% of the 446 hectare Ore Fault Property from Bird River Mines Inc (see BRMI release of December 31, 2007). Once Marathon’s interest in the OFP reached 70%, Marathon exercised its option to require BRMI to sell the remaining 30% interest in the OFP. Marathon purchased the outstanding 30% interest in the OFP for a purchase price of \$1,450,000. BRMI shall retain a 1.0 % net smelter return royalty (the “NSR”) in all minerals and metals extracted from the OFP.

“Acquisition of the Ore Fault gives us a very prospective land package in the Bird River Sill,” said Phillip Walford, President and CEO of Marathon PGM Corporation and “gives us an excellent opportunity to develop the Page and Ore Fault resources in just the first year of exploration.”

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.

BRMI 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 and lead mineralization. BRMI also holds a bentonite quarry lease near Deerwood, Manitoba. Bird River Mines has 9.4 million common shares outstanding and trades on the CNQ Stock Exchange under the symbol BRMI.

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