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News Release

Hudbay Announces Strike Action at Manitoba Operations

Toronto, Ontario, May 2, 2015 – HudBay Minerals Inc. ("Hudbay", the "company") (TSX, NYSE:HBM) announced that 180 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local No. 1848 began a strike at noon today.

A comprehensive contingency plan is in place and the company expects operations to continue and production guidance to be maintained. The striking workers represent about 12% of Hudbay's 1460 person Manitoba workforce.

Hudbay sought a mutually negotiated agreement over several months and does not believe the strike action is necessary. Hudbay remains committed to the bargaining process and hopes the union leadership will engage in good faith negotiations.

Forward-Looking Information

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" and "forward-looking information" (collectively, "forward-looking information") within the meaning of applicable Canadian and United States securities legislation.

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Should one or more risk, uncertainty, contingency or other factor materialize or should any factor or assumption prove incorrect, actual results could vary materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking information. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Hudbay does not assume any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information after the date of this news release or to explain any material difference between subsequent actual events and any forward-looking information, except as required by applicable law.

About Hudbay

Hudbay (TSX, NYSE: HBM) is a Canadian integrated mining company with assets in North and South America principally focused on the discovery, production and marketing of base and precious metals. Hudbay's objective is to maximize shareholder value through efficient operations, organic growth and accretive acquisitions, while maintaining its financial strength. A member of the S&P/TSX Composite Index and the S&P/TSX Global Mining Index, Hudbay is committed to high standards of corporate governance and sustainability. Further information about Hudbay can be found on www.hudbayminerals.com.

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