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HudBay Minerals Announces New Director

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(CCNMatthews - May 5, 2005) - HudBay Minerals Inc. (TSX:HBM)(TSX:HBM.WT) (HudBay) is pleased to announce that Mr. Ronald P. Gagel, C.A. has joined the Board of Directors effective May 4, 2005. Mr. Gagel has more than 25 years of business experience, predominantly in the natural resource sector. Mr. Gagel will serve as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Peter R. Jones, President and CEO of HudBay stated: "We are pleased that Mr. Gagel has joined the Board. Our Company will benefit from his years of business experience in the natural resource sector and his financial expertise."

HudBay is an integrated mining and metal producing company that operates mines and concentrators in northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan and a metal processing complex in Flin Flon, Manitoba. The company also operates a zinc oxide production facility in Brampton, Ontario and the former producing mines of Balmat in New York State and Gays River in Nova Scotia that are being evaluated for re-opening. -30-

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