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HudBay Announces Appointment of Director, Investor Relations

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA--(CCNMatthews - Feb. 1, 2006) - HudBay Minerals Inc. (TSX:HBM) (HudBay) is pleased to announce the appointment of Don Bain as Director, Investor Relations.

Mr. Bain has more than 15 years' experience in investor relations, financial and corporate communications, including running his own firm and as Vice President, Investor Relations and Corporate Communications at a Toronto-based consulting firm. Mr. Bain has worked with publicly traded companies in a variety of industry sectors.

As Director, Investor Relations, Mr. Bain will continue to improve HudBay's Investor Relations and Corporate Communications programs as well as its positive relations with shareholders, the investment community and business media.

"I am delighted to have someone with Don's experience join HudBay," said Peter Jones, President and CEO of HudBay. "I look forward to Don playing a lead role to improve our investor relations and communications systems, especially as we enter a period of growth."

Mr. Bain holds a Certificate in Journalism and Marketing from Red River College in Winnipeg and is a member of the Canadian Investor Relations Institute.

About HudBay Minerals Inc.

HudBay Minerals Inc. 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 owns the former producing Balmat zinc mine in New York State, which is being re-opened.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain information regarding HudBay set forth in this document, including management's assessment of HudBay's future plans and operations contains forward looking statements that involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties. These forward looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond HudBay's and management's control, including but not limited to, the impact of general economic conditions, industry conditions, fluctuation of commodity prices, risks related to the integration of acquisitions, fluctuation of foreign exchange rates, imperfection of reserve estimates, environmental risks, industry competition, availability of quality personnel and management, timely and cost effective access to sufficient capital from internal and external sources, and achievement could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by these forward looking statements and accordingly, no assurance can be given that any of the events anticipated to occur or transpire from the forward looking statements.

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